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2 dailies apologize for Di's pictures

LONDON, Feb. 19 (R) — Two national newspapers Friday apologized for the royal furor they provoked with front-page pictures of the pregnant Princess of Wales in a brief bikini.

The pictures were taken earlier this week of the 20-year-old princess lazing and swimming with her husband, Prince Charles, on a private beach in the Bahamas. The holiday shots upset Buckingham Palace and Queen Elizabeth condemned the photos as "in the worst possible taste."

The palace Thursday delivered a stern rebuke to the offending papers, *The Sun* and *The Daily Star*, which promptly recalled their photographers and reporters from the Bahamas. Increased members of parliament signed a motion criticizing the two papers and the Press Council, watchdog of the British media, said it would investigate whether the photos were an invasion of royal privacy.

The Sun, Britain's most popular daily selling four million copies, Friday printed an apology on page one — and reprinted alongside it one of the controversial pictures of the bikini-clad princess just over five months pregnant.

"Of course, it was never our intention to offend," said *The Sun*. "If we have done so, we are deeply sorry." *The Star*, a tabloid like *The Sun* sent this message to the princess: "If we have upset you, we are deeply sorry."

In an editorial, *The Star* said it had deep affection for the princess, the former Lady Diana Spencer who married the heir to the British throne last July. "Our only aim in photographing the royal couple in a holiday mood was because we felt the British public would want to know that Diana was looking so well and lovely," *The Star* added.

The Daily Mirror, the country's second biggest seller, took the rival *Sun* and *Star* to task, saying the palace had every right to be upset. *The Mirror* said the pictures were "squid in conception, furtive in execution and grubby in publication" and were snapped secretly by hidden photographers.

Two months ago, the queen made a personal plea to newspaper editors not to harass the young princess out of concern that the constant glare of the press could harm her health.

EEC's jobless hit post-World

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19 (AP) — Unemployment in the European Economic Community hit a post-World War II record 9.5 percent in January, new evidence of Europe's continuing recession, according to figures released Friday.

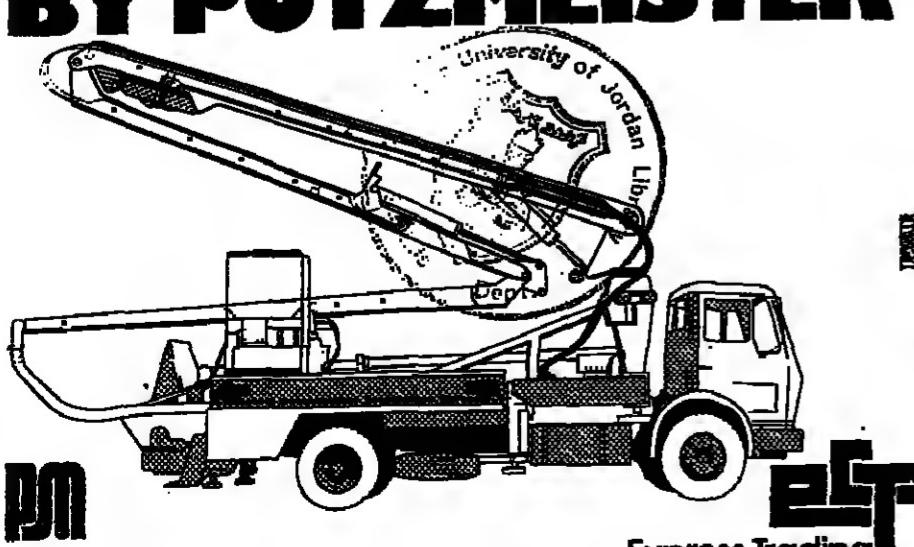
The data, released by the EEC Statistical Service, showed that about 450,000 more people were jobless in January than in December 1981, when 9.1 percent of the workforce was unemployed. The total number of jobless in January was 10.7 million.

It was the eighth straight monthly decline in jobs in the 10-nation EEC and the worst combined showing since the late 1940s when current statistical methods began to be used.

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Staff meetings' notes disclose

Haig blows hot and cold but in private

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, likes to talk tough and blow off steam in private, according to notes of his staff meetings quoted in Friday editions of the *Washington Post*. The newspaper said it had obtained notes taken by a participant in nearly two dozen of Haig's meetings with his senior staff and verified them "as to general content" with two others. It also noted that it did not have notes from about 100 other meetings.

Haig accused British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington of duplicity last year when Haig was discussing the proposed multinational Sinai peacekeeping force, the *Post* said.

When Haig called Lord Carrington a "duplicious bastard" on Oct. 15, the notes showed he was speaking about the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), or peacekeeping force in the Sinai, the report said.

Haig reportedly attacked the decision by European nations to join the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai without renouncing the Venice Declaration which said the Palestinians should be involved in the peace process.



The report said the notes also quoted Haig as saying: "European friends — just

Over Iran's undercutting prices

Iraq demands emergency OPEC conference

MANAMA, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — Iraq pressed Friday for an emergency Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries' (OPEC) conference before the end of this month to "adopt suitable measures" against Iran's undercutting of OPEC benchmark prices.

"The Iranian moves endanger OPEC and everything it worked for in past years," Oil Minister Taieb Abdul-Karim told the Iraqi News Agency.

He said that unless the projected meeting came out with "solutions guaranteeing the rights of all OPEC members," Iraq is "well capable of adopting measures to protect its own interests."

"Our call for an emergency meeting emanates from our extreme concern that the present situation must be dealt with in the correct OPEC framework," Taieb said.

"It does not mean at all that we do not possess the ability to adopt on our own the right decisions capable of guaranteeing Iraq's rights," he added without elaborating.

The Iraqi minister accused Iran of pursuing

a policy of price reductions, easy credit and harter terms" in a desperate attempt to increase oil exports and prop up its collapsing economy.

Iran's official decision to undercut prices is a clear violation of the last OPEC ministerial conference in Abu Dhabi, which fixed the price of Iranian light at \$34.20 and Iranian

heavy at \$23.30," Taieb said. "The latest OPEC decision to unify light benchmark price at \$34 was one of the most difficult in its history," Taieb added.

Statements from Iran Thursday indicated

the Iranians may stop their undercutting of the price at the present level of \$32.20, with the spot market price already down to the \$30 mark.

Taieb said Iran's actions undermined

OPEC at a time when we are in dire need of discipline."

Meanwhile, in New York, the president of Exxon Corporation, H.C. Kauffman, said

Friday, demand for oil in the non-Communist world will decline again this year "but much less than the four percent drop registered in 1981."

In remarks prepared for a meeting of experts in Los Angeles, the president of the world's biggest oil company said the projection was based on expectations that the U.S. economy would begin to improve later this year, that European recovery would continue and Japan's growth would improve in 1982.

Next year should bring further improvement,

and this recovery "should lead to a resumption of growth in oil demand — perhaps on the order of 1.5 to two percent (in 1983) — to a level of about 49 million barrels a day," Kauffman said.

He said Exxon was sticking with its prediction of a year ago that world economic growth

would average about three percent a year

over the next 20 years.

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In worldwide activities**Committee for blind aids 26 agencies**

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Assistance was given to more than 26 Arab and international organizations, to help the blind and the handicapped, between 1980 and 1981, by the Permanent Regional Office of the Middle East Committee for the Blind.

Committee President Sheikh Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ghamem, who is also director of the regional office here, said that the office secured financial aid to these organizations from the Saudi government, besides other aids in kind.

Assistance was given to the Society for the Blind in Mali; the International Fund for the Handicapped and the Society for the Blind in Guatemala; the Society for the Blind in Senegal; the Welfare Society for the Blind in Lebaco; Al-Doha Association for the Development of Human Capabilities in Lebanon; and the Sound Library in Taipei.

Other societies that received aid include the National Association for the Handicapped in Tunisia; the Alawia Society for the Welfare of the Handicapped in Morocco; and other associations in Syria, Jordan, North Yemen, France, Pakistan and Malaysia.

The Saudi government is keen on educating and guiding the handicapped to enable them play their role fully in the society, Sheikh Abdullah told the SPA Friday. The Saudi government's interest in the welfare of the handicapped is also part of its overall health, social, educational and economic policies. The government cares not only for its own handicapped, but also for those of neighboring and foreign countries, he said.

Prompted by this spirit, the Saudi government heavily subsidized the office when it was set up in 1973 by the World Council for

the Handicapped which also established the Middle East committee. Five member countries of the committee fund the office's budgets; Saudi Arabia 45 percent; the United Arab Emirates, 25 percent; Qatar, 11 percent; Kuwait, 10 percent; and Bahrain, five percent. These countries voluntarily opted to finance the budget.

The office was mainly established to prepare special scientific research on the handicapped and to circulate them among the member states; and to further ensure coordination among the international conferences sponsored by the world council for the handicapped and those arranged by the Middle East committee. The office also grants scholarships and follows up the recommendations of conferences held by the Middle East committee and similar international conferences.

Moreover, the office ensures coordination and the exchange of expertise among member states in regard to the affairs of the handicapped and the extension of technical material and moral assistance to member states of the Middle East committee members. It also strives to improve the standard of services offered to the handicapped in the health, educational, information, social and training fields.

Achievements of the office include the establishment of the Al-Noor Institute for the Blind in Bahrain in 1974, in which more than 120 Gulf students are now enrolled. The institute provides proper vocational training and ensures jobs for its graduates. The office also set up the Regional Vocational and Training Center for Handicapped Women in Jordan in 1975. More than 50 women are now receiving

training at the center.

Furthermore, the office gave financial and technical assistance to a similar center set up in Sanaa in 1976. It also set up Braille printing houses in 1973 and a Braille library in 1976. The library also has more than 400 books recorded in 300 tapes of 12 hours with six channels in each. As each channel lasts two hours, the total recording time is 3,600 hours.

The governor said that King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd ordered immediate relief to the victims of the floods. He conveyed the King's and crown Prince's concern and said that they had instructed him to inspect the damage done to lives and properties.

Agricultural bank loans SR1.76b

RIYADH, Feb. 19 — More than 22,000 loans have been awarded this year by the Saudi Agricultural Bank for various projects involving chicken, eggs, livestock breeding and agriculture, according to Dr. Muhammad Habib Abdul Karim, director of the bank's research and studies department.

Dr. Abdul Karim told *Al-Riyadh* Thursday that, whereas the bank gave 625 loans for a total value of SR4.38 million when it was opened in 1964, its credit capacity extended to 22,831 loans amounting to SR1.767 billion this year.

The number of poultry farms which produce eggs now exceeds 146 with an annual productive capacity of 695,343 eggs. This covers some 77.18 percent of local consumption. Another 110 projects under implementation will produce an additional 923,387,218 eggs per annum. Loans of SR100 million have been extended for such projects.

Chicken farms also now number 157 with a total capacity of 39.8 million birds, established at a cost of SR209 million. Another 72 similar projects are under way to produce 51.6 million chickens a year.

Eleven major dairy projects are producing annually 23,315 tons of dairy products and cover 11 percent of local fresh liquid milk consumption. Another 21 dairy projects are under implementation with an expected annual capacity of 62,880 tons.

Regarding annual husbandry projects, Habib said there are two of them with a productive capacity of 79,460 head of cattle. Additional six projects are under implementation with an estimated capacity of 216,760 head of cattle at a cost of SR30 million. Three existing sheep breeding projects and 10 others currently under implementation are expected to produce 38,500 head of sheep.

There are three calf breeding projects;

Rain-hit areas visited

ASIR, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal inspected Friday areas which suffered from floods in Tihama region. Wadi Dale, Makhadba, Wadi Marda, Wadi Atoud, Kadara, Qasbah, and Darb were hit by heavy rains last Saturday, the first of its kind.

The governor said that King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd ordered immediate relief to the victims of the floods. He conveyed the King's and crown Prince's concern and said that they had instructed him to inspect the damage done to lives and properties.

The Ministry of Health lent support to the five-day exhibition which has already secured backing from the governments of Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany and the United Kingdom, which entered through national groups.

The ministry will put up a wing at the fair demonstrating its achievements. A spokesman for the organizers said Friday that the ministry's stand will comprise photographs and models of its activities in addition to medical instruments it produces.

"This occasion will undoubtedly encourage mutual understanding by providing a unique opportunity for leading Saudi specialists to assess the latest products and services of the health care industry at first hand," Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeer said in a message of support to the organizers.

Independent companies from the Kingdom, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Japan, Portugal, Ireland, Spain and

Arab Health'82 opens today

By Munir Muhammed
Arab News Staff

the United States are taking part in the exhibition. Display of equipment will range from sophisticated electronic monitoring and defecation devices to simple dressings and disposables. Health service firms also will offer hospital planning, engineering, staffing and recruitment.

The exhibition will be opened at 7 p.m. by Dr. Fuad Zahran, dean of the faculty of medicine at Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University. The college will be further involved in the health care exhibition by sponsoring a series of specialist medical seminars.

The seminars centering on traffic accidents' prevention and treatment, renal disease, parasitology and paediatrics will also be held at Jeddah expo Feb. 23 and 24, according to the spokesman. The seminar will be addressed by Western specialists and Saudi Arabian professors.

The Kingdom is an increasingly attractive market for the world health care industry. As it is rapidly developing, the government concentrated on the human factor during the current Third Five-Year Development Plan. The total allocations for the health ministry during the plan which began in 1980 amount to SR34.9 billion.

The health ministry was allocated SR4.038 billion in the 1981-82 fiscal year.

The ministry's plans screen some 36 new hospitals expected to bring 7,550 beds into public service.

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Programme of Seminars

Under the Auspices of the Medical Faculty of King Abdul Aziz University In parallel with ARAB HEALTH 82 a programme of open seminars is being organised at the Jeddah Expo Center on the afternoons of 23 and 24 February. Speakers will be leading Saudi and international specialists and subjects will include:

Road Traffic Accidents; Renal Disease; Parasitology; Paediatrics.

The seminars are open to all members of the medical professions—admission free. Further details can be obtained from the ARAB HEALTH 82 Seminar Desk at Al-Harithy's office from Saturdays to Wednesdays between 1630-1930 hours.

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Arab interior ministers to approve council statute

Naif to chair session; open center

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — An extraordinary session for Arab Interior ministers will take place here Monday opened and presided over by Interior Minister Prince Naif, current chairman of the Arab interior ministers conference.

The topic of discussion will be to approve the statute of the Arab Interior Minister's Council. Participants are expected to start arriving by Saturday.

The Arab interior ministers had stressed the need to establish a permanent council during their three previous conferences. The council, aimed at achieving a comprehensive security coordination, will have an executive bureau and a secretariat general.

The Arab Social Defense Organization's secretariat general has been entrusted with preparing the statute for the interior ministers' council. Prince Naif, in his capacity as the current chairman, urged the Arab ministers to discuss and approve their proposed statute for which the extra-ordinary session has been called.

Jafr organizes cultural competition

AHSA, Feb. 19 (SPA) — A cultural competition will be organized Sunday by the Social Development Center of Jafr, Ahsa Region, where it operates, according to its acting director, Abdullah Abdul Kader, Friday.

He said that the center is currently engaged in various social activities including encouragement to planting of citrus trees and some vegetables, distributing chemical fertilizers

various fields from the Kingdom and Arab and foreign countries will teach in the center. Admission to the center will be through invitations to the member countries, courses will be governed according to their requirements. Murad said, "Every Arab citizen has the right to work at the center according to his experience, specialization and the availability of suitable vacant posts," he said.

The center opened many job opportunities

during the 1981-82 fiscal year, these were occupied by Saudis and youth from the various Arab countries. Financial contribution toward the maintenance of the center is based on the same percentage which each state provides in the Arab League's budget.

Murad said that the center's chairman is Prince Naif and he had appointed an executive president.

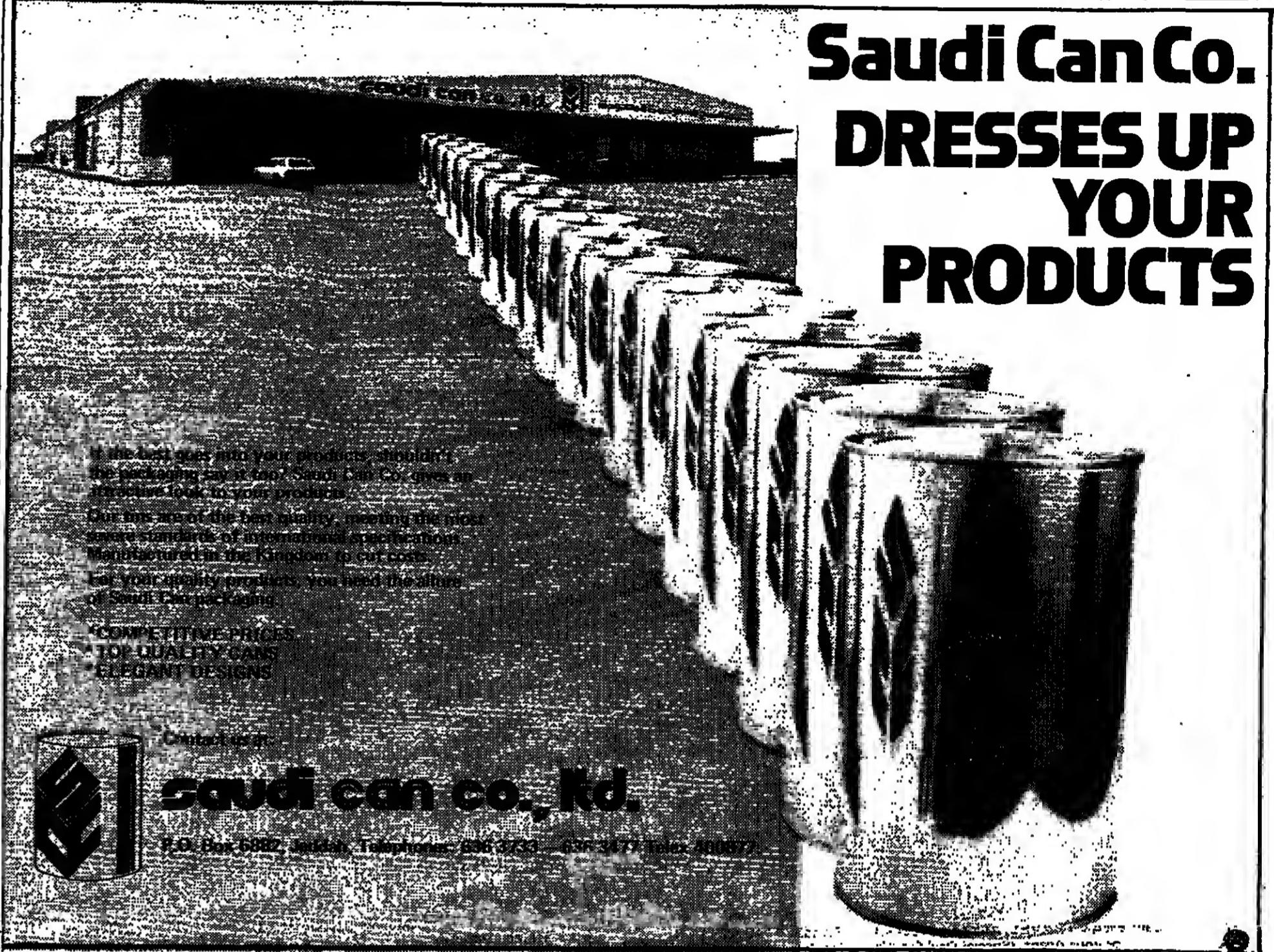
Islamic peace panel to meet here

RABAT, Feb. 19 (SPA) — The Islamic Peace Committee to solve the Iraqi-Iranian conflict will meet in Jeddah at the end of February or beginning of March, Habib Chatti, secretary general of the organization of the Islamic Conference, has announced.

High on the agenda will be the drawing up of a plan of action to restore peace between Iran and Iraq. Chatti added. He told newsmen here Wednesday that the Islamic world stood by the Arabs in any collective decision they might take to confront Israel.

At the same time, the OIC chief deplored the decision of the European Parliament's political committee to meet in occupied Jerusalem. Such a decision angers Muslims and Arabs alike, especially as the European Economic Community does not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, he said. In fact, it is inconceivable that European countries move their embassies from Jerusalem and at the same time, declare in Venice that they support Arab claims and the Palestinian people's rights, he added.

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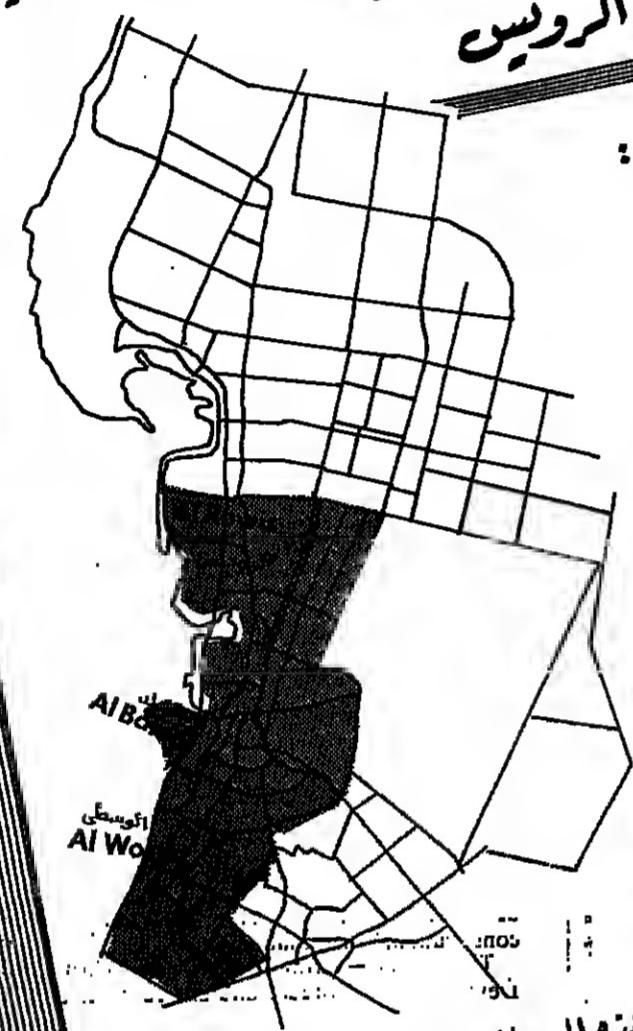
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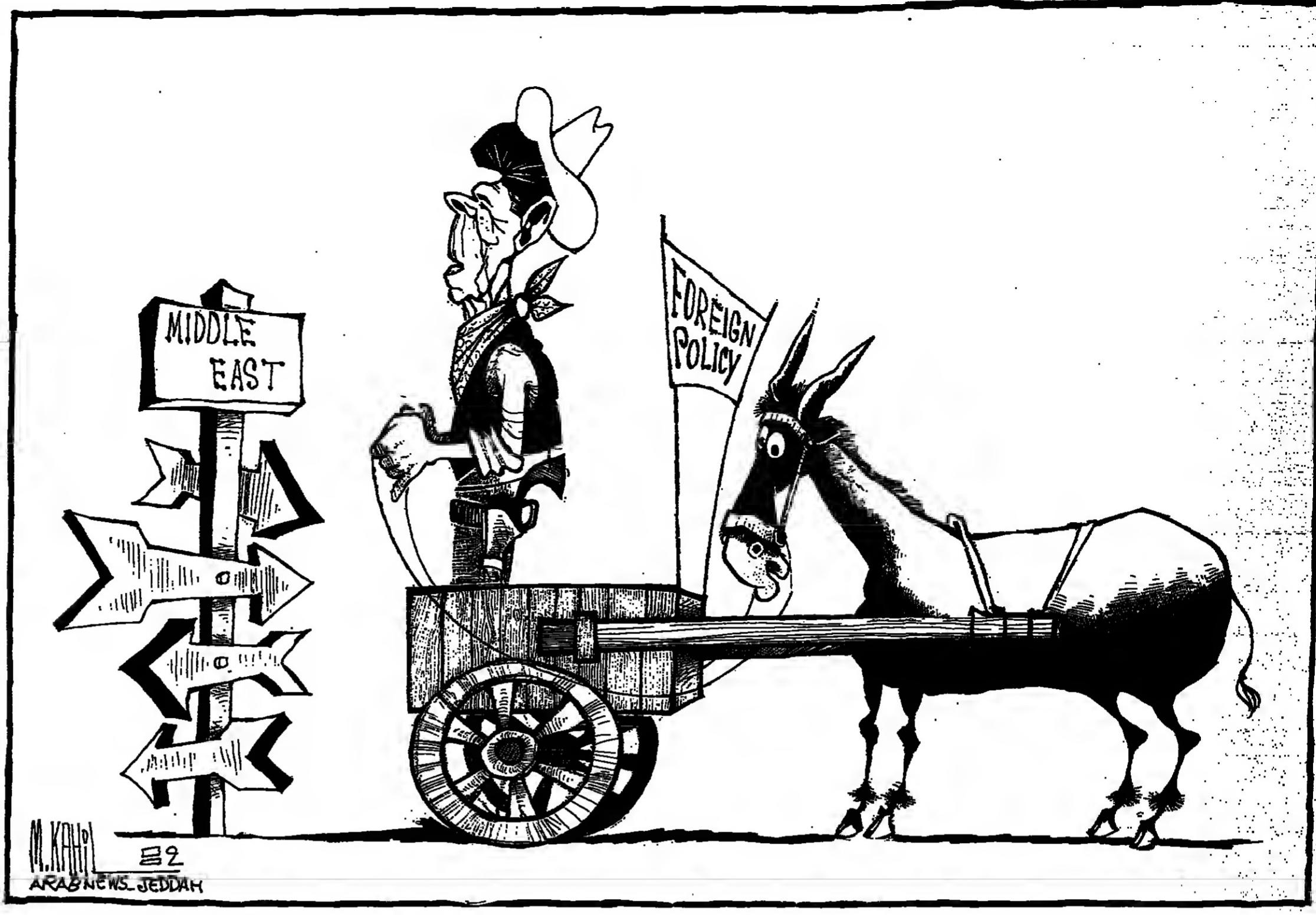
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Political reasons prompt revision of U.S. extradition laws

By Catherine Rala
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON —

The U.S. State Department is moving under the "banner of anti-terrorism" in its drive to revise current U.S. extradition laws and treaties, according to Dr. Richard A. Falk, professor of international law at Princeton University. Abdene Jabarra, U.S. attorney for the young Palestinian Ziad Abu Ein recently extradited to Israel, agreed that the State Department, from the beginning, was not going to let Abu Ein be allowed to stay in the United States for its own political purposes.

Jabarra told *Arab News* that although there was an anti-Arab bias in the court in Chicago that heard Abu Ein's case, the State Department actively moved to convince the federal magistrate there that Abu Ein's extradition was necessary. The State Department's involvement in the trial underscores its determination to clamp down on political dissension in countries whose governments are repressive but nonetheless, friendly to the United States. Israel is a good case in point.

"It was 110 percent a political decision to extradite Abu Ein Dec. 12," said Jabarra. "The State Department was keeping with its decision to get judicial precedent in its war against 'international terrorism,' and to reverse what it felt was a recent blow to that war."

Jabarra cited that a federal court in California in 1979 had denied the extradition of a self-admitted member of the IRA (McMullen) who confessed that he had placed a bomb in a British barracks which had exploded. In the McMullen decision, the court was allowed to determine independently and objectively a political crime from a criminal one, said Jabarra. He added that the State Department directly interfered in Abu Ein's court hearing in Chicago and deliberately influenced the federal magistrate to claim Abu Ein extraditable on the basis of his "criminal actions."

It is difficult to discern whether the reasons for Abu Ein's extradition were caused by the anti-Arab bias prevalent in many U.S. government agencies or by the State Department's political interference. The fact that both the State Department and the court accepted the insubstantial evidence convicting Abu Ein of planting a bomb in a Tiberias

India tries to

LONDON —

India will try next week to swing its Third World partners behind a new moderate approach to their dialogue with the industrialized countries, according to sources close to the Brandt Commission on World Development.

The sources quoted senior Indian officials as saying this was Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's main purpose in calling a 44-nation Third World conference in New Delhi from Monday. They said Mrs. Gandhi apparently hoped to reduce what she saw as the undue influence of a few radical states and get the Third World to adopt a more subtle diplomatic approach to North-South relations.

Mrs. Gandhi among the 22 world leaders who met in Cancun, Mexico, last October to discuss ways of reviving a dialogue between the rich "North" countries and the poor "South" aimed at closing the economic gap that divides them. At the Cancun summit, some Third World representatives repeated arguments in favor of a new world economic order involving a massive transfer of wealth from North to South.

The source said Mrs. Gandhi now appeared in favor of ditching what she saw as a radical and largely rhetorical demand in favor of winning speci-

marketplace, said Falk, revealed "a climate of opinion that is hostile to the Palestinians." However, both Jabarra and Falk agree that the State Department's motives transcended the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Said Falk, "The State Department's actions show a broader tendency to move more aggressively and politically in all respects against individuals in foreign countries."

"One of the things that I think has been good about the American political experience has been its protection of the rights of non-Americans," said Falk. In the past, American philosophy behind extradition laws and treaties has been that friendly governments should cooperate and not let suspected criminals become fugitives of justice by going to foreign countries. The United States has always stipulated that people who are political opponents of the government in power should not be treated like criminals and can claim political exception to extradition.

The American federal courts have traditionally held the right to deny extradition to a requesting country when a person is accused of a political crime. Ordinarily, the guidelines for postulating a political offense is when a person is charged with conduct that is an exercise of a civil liberty, such as freedom of speech or assembly, or the expression of political opposition to a foreign government. Common criminal acts, like an airplane hijacking, murdering a diplomat, or blowing up a public place, which can be connected with a political act and then regarded as an entire political offense, have triggered the State Department to take action against the courts having this prerogative.

The Reagan administration has increasingly taken the position that because extradition decisions have potential adverse consequences on U.S. foreign policy, they should be decided by the executive branch. Secretary of State Alexander Haig perfunctory Senator Strom Thurmond, Republican of North Carolina, to sponsor a bill in which the Secretary of State would have unrestricted discretion to decide whether or not a person should be extradited. Thurmond has introduced the bill, the "Extradition Act of 1981," to Congress, and it will be acted on in several weeks.

If the Senate bill is approved, "the individual's rights will be subordinated to the State Department's highly politicized judgment," said Falk. The

soften Third World approach

fic benefits for the poorest nations. They noted that so far the radicals, particularly Algeria and Cuba, had dominated the Third World strategy in the North-South dialogue. Only India had the diplomatic and economic clout to reverse the trend, they said.

The sources said they did not expect an outright clash in Delhi as one of Mrs. Gandhi's priorities was to achieve Third World unity — what one source described as "lining up the troops before facing the North."

Although there was consensus at Cancun on the urgent need to bridge the world poverty gap, differences remained over methods. The broad "South" view was that global negotiations on aid and trade should take place within the United Nations, where the Third World has an in-built majority, on a range of issues affecting the Third World.

At the same time, there were demands for reform of international financial institutions, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The "North" went along with the call for global negotiations. But some industrialized countries, particularly the United States, said these should take place within the framework of the funding institutions which they dominate through majority voting rights.

This conflict so far has prevented any sort of global negotiations getting under way and the sources said Mrs. Gandhi now wanted to narrow the gap by modifying Third World tactics.

Simon May, an adviser to Brandt Commissioner Edward Heath, the former British prime minister, said this week there were now fundamental differences on strategy between India and the radicals. "They differ about the ends and the means," May told Reuters. "The Indians recognize you can't tamper in a major way with the institutions because this would undermine the faith of the lenders."

"This doesn't mean they don't want change. But I wouldn't expect the Indians to demand Third

department's political judgments can already be seen in the U.S. government sending back refugees from El Salvador and Haiti because of close American support for their repressive governments. On the other hand, the U.S. government welcomes Afghani rebels and Cuban refugees because they are anti-communist. "It is this discrimination based on the politics of the State Department that I object to," said Falk.

There is legislation in the house to oppose Thurmond's bill in the Senate. The house legislation would maintain the present extradition laws and guarantee the right of the individual to have a judicial hearing in U.S. federal courts pending his extradition. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), America's watchdog for the protection of individual rights and liberties under the U.S. Constitution, has come out in strong support for the house legislation.

"The removal of the federal court jurisdiction on determining political offenses is a direct assault on the constitutional protections of American citizens, as well as those more limited rights afforded to foreign nationals," said Wade J. Henderson from the ACLU. He added that because the United States is one of a minority of governments that surrender its own citizens to face trial for alleged crimes committed abroad, adequate judicial protection of civil rights must be retained. Wade added, "The United States should emphasize its commitment to worldwide civil liberties."

Wade told *Arab News* that the Senate bills would undoubtedly subject the extradition process to political manipulation. Wade also said the ACLU opposes extradition of persons for trials in foreign countries which do not afford rights of due process, sufficient to assure a fundamental fair hearing. A congressional source told this reporter that American law would have to be changed to permit an inquiry into the fairness of the procedures in the requesting country. This may be the only chance for persons like Abu Ein, who has evidence to disprove Israeli accusations, but cannot be assured of a fair trial.

In a hearing on extradition legislation on Capitol Hill, Roger M. Olsen from the Justice Department spoke out strongly in support of the State Department to handle all extradition cases. Olsen said, "The United States could be perceived as a haven

for terrorists if every extradition proceeding could result in protracted public hearings on whether or not the requested person committed a political offense." He further added that the courts have never been able to adequately postulate what is and what is not a political crime.

Olsen added that the existing extradition laws and treaties have changed little in the past 100 to 140 years since their original enactment, in spite of the dramatic rise in international criminal activity. Extradition requests have climbed to over 200 per year, according to Olsen, who advocates a more efficient procedure for taking care of them in the expediency of the individual's rights.

The State Department believes that the courts should not be involved in looking into certain evidence at all because it forces the department to take a position on the nature of conflict in another country, said the congressional source adding insight into the State Department's position. One of the elements developed in the courts, according to the source, is the existence of political uprisings in the country where the offense took place in order to determine a political offense.

For instance, the State Department did not want to tell the court in Chicago hearing Abu Ein's case that there is a civil war in Israel. Nor did it want to tell the California court hearing McMullen's case that there is a civil war in Ireland.

The State Department's conception of what American extradition laws should be will have quite an impact on international relations and on human rights around the world. Already, the political opponents of the Marcos regime are working to prevent Senate ratification of the recently signed U.S.-Philippines Treaty of Extradition. "The treaty does not only serve the interests of the Marcos regime but it is a natural offspring of the Reagan administration's efforts to create the 'proper' domestic climate to support its foreign policy of all-out support for right-wing regimes," said Walden Bello, coordinator of the Coalition Against the Marcos Dictatorship, at a press conference in Washington.

Said Falk, "The idea behind the administration is basically to protect American economic and political interests. There are many repressive governments that are friendlier to Washington."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Feb. 20th the 51st day of 1982. There are 314 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1437 — Scotland's King James I is murdered in Scottish city of Perth.

1570 — Lord Hudson defeats Leonard Dacre's army, ending northern rebellion in England.

1631 — German Protestant princes form alliance with Sweden's Gustavus II.

1750 — Prussia's Frederick II expresses alarm over Russian intrigues in Sweden.

1833 — Russian ships enter Bosphorus on way to Constantinople to aid Turkey against Egypt.

1910 — Butros Ghali, premier of Egypt and a cop, is assassinated.

1919 — Anner of Afghanistan is murdered.

1928 — Britain recognizes independence of Trans-Jordan.

1942 — Japanese invade island of Bal in Dutch East Indies in World War II.

1962 — Astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. becomes first American to orbit earth.

1964 — Morocco and Algeria sign accord to end border conflict which resulted in troop clashes.

1967 — Indonesia's President Sukarno surrenders all executive power to Gen. Soekarno, keeping only the title of president.

1974 — Soviet Union test-fires weapon described as biggest intercontinental ballistic missile in existence.

1975 — Greek Cypriot government calls on United Nations to fix deadline for withdrawal of 40,000 Turkish troops from the island.

1980 — United States announces it will formally boycott Moscow Olympic games to retaliate against Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Thought for Today:

Every body thinks of changing humanity, and nobody thinks of changing himself - Leo Tolstoy, Russian novelist (1828-1910).

Saudi Arabian press review

Prospects for a new Israeli assault on the Arab world, the resumption of work by the Islamic Good Offices Committee which will resume its work early next month to bring the 18-month Iraqi-Iranian war into a halt and the readiness of Iraq and Iran to respond to the committee efforts, *Al Jazirah* said the continuity of the war between the two Islamic states has exhausted their potentials and resources which are hardly needed for reinforcing their eastern front against Israeli challenges.

Urging Iran to respond to the committee's efforts and the call of the Islamic leaders of Taif Islamic Summit led by King Khalid, the paper said: "If this happens, then the Arab and Islamic nation will restore its striking capability to hack the Palestinian issue, restore Jerusalem and the whole occupied Arab lands and at the same time help the Muslim Afghani people to liberate their country from the yoke of Communist occupation."

Al Jazirah denounced the hostile stance of the Tehran regime against the Arab and Islamic world. "The Iranian regime, led by Khomeini, is still insisting on continuing war against Iraq despite his daily defeats. — (SPA)

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CAMELS FOR SALE: Mother and newborn camel for sale together, left, the mother has an identifying brand on her cheek while the man in charge (*dallal*) stands by with his stick. Right, Yousef Saleh Rashid displays his new baby camel.

Young and old carry on a Saudi Arabian tradition

Idlers, buyers, curious crowd into Thursday Hofuf camel marketplace

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

HOFUF — Asked by a new comer to Saudi Arabia why he still kept camels, the old Bedouin angrily replied, "And you, why do you keep your family?" A moment later he turned to a companion and complained, "What stupid questions this one asks."

The white-bearded man was right. Questioning why he raised camels was like asking Jock Ewing of the TV series *Dallas* why he didn't get rid of all the horses and cattle at South Fork ranch.

Hofuf is camel country and has been since before 1913 when Ibn Saud routed 1200 Turkish soldiers from the now-crumbling garrison. Although Damman is now the capital of the Eastern Province, Hofuf remains the gathering place for the local Bani Hajar, Al Murrah, and Al Awazim tribes.

The four-wheel drive and the pick-up truck, however, are replacing the camel as beast of burden. Can the camel hold its ground before the relentless on-rush of 20th century technological civilization?

"Old men like camels more than the young do," said Khalifah Abdul Mohsen Al Hurair. "But when we grow old and become their age, then we will care as much as they do for camels."

In any case, Al Hurair wasn't about to wait for a white beard before he got a camel. This young man who perhaps ironically

works as a driver, was out at dawn looking for a bargain in a camel at the Hofuf Thursday market. Perhaps the camel is still a safe bet.

"The meat of the camel is good. It makes a man very strong," remarked a shepherd as he looked at the plodding, long-necked beasts. Al Hurair, however, said he didn't plan to slaughter his camel but to keep it in the courtyard of his house and enjoy its milk. That is if he could find one he liked.

Hundreds of idlers and buyers crowded the packed-sand marketplace, the size of two football fields. Many came to socialize and hear the news from the other tribes. At the livestock end of the market, there was a brisk business in sheep, and to a lesser extent in goats, cows, donkeys and horses. Bearded men with clear-cut features and serene and dignified demeanor greet each other respectfully and kiss. Worry beads dangle from the hands of anxious buyers. Everywhere the red-and-white check of the ghutra headress brightens the scene.

Prospective buyers huddled around the camels to be sold. They pat the flanks and legs of the beasts and count their teeth. The man in charge is called the *dallal*. Although there are more than a hundred camels to be sold, "on a good day 10 to 20 change hands," estimated one *dallal*. The *dallal* sells the animals on commission but some owners sell their animals themselves. The female brings a higher price, of course, and

the grown camel more than the baby. Otherwise pricing is by size and weight.

The camels were making a great commotion, groaning, and grinding their teeth. "This is not their happy noise," said Al Hurair. "The camels are disturbed here." How much happier they would be grazing in the desert, peacefully swanning flies with their tufted rose-like tails, searching for a bit of tasty camel thorn, or chewing their cud.

A large group gathered around a mother camel and her offspring who were being sold together. Like all grown camels, the mother was branded; a shape rather like the letter M was impressed on her cheek. A narrow strip of weaving across her back held a net containing her udders. A client took it off to check to see if she was a good milker.

Meanwhile the baby camel stood patiently on its spindly legs, and nuzzled its mother when it could. The baby's fur was as soft as that of the finest Persian lamb, and its velvety eyes glistened behind the long droopy eyelashes that shielded it from the sun.

There were no buyers that day for this mother and her beautiful offspring.

Just outside the walled enclosure, Yousef Saleh Rashid was hoisting a yearling camel he had just purchased. Rashid, who comes from Legrain, about ½ hour due east of Hofuf by car, already has one camel at home and wanted another. When asked

why, his friend gave a wide grin, and in an unmistakable gesture drew his index finger swiftly across his throat.

"No," said Rashid, "I will keep this camel and raise it for a wedding. Only then will I slaughter it for meat." He knelt, ripped a strip of soft black veiling, bent one of the young camel's forelegs, and bound it with a piece of *ubaya* material. "Or perhaps I will raise it until it is full-grown and then return it to this market, selling it for three times as much as I paid."

There were no women in the marketplace but their sons were out in force. Some teenage entrepreneurs were bawking camel rides to expatriates; SR5 to mount the beast and SR10 to ride it around the market.

As one camel lunged to its feet, the Aramcon in the saddle yelled. A few minutes later as the creature flopped down on its front legs, sending the expat careening forward in the saddle, he yelled again. Nonetheless he claimed to have enjoyed the swaying walk of the dromedary often called "the ship of the desert" because of his characteristic pace.

One lively young merchant who claimed to own 150 camels was full of "street smarts." "I'm here to sell, not to talk," he said. "Get your information elsewhere."

The boy's left hand was wrapped in a white bandage; the frayed edges of which were stained with dried blood. A camel had taken its revenge and gotten a good bite

when the boy had struck him earlier in the week. "Horrible beast," grunted the lad as he whacked his camel hard.

Camels are loved as traditional companions while even their owners at the market laughingly say they are ugly and make horrible faces. They are bad-tempered and stubborn. They are snobbish. They spit and have bad breath. They snarl, groan, and make a gurgling roar most unpleasant to hear. In the spring of the year they molt and look positively moth-eaten. The male as the species is pugnacious; as the *dallal* enumerated its virtues, one of the long-necked dromedaries calmly reached out and took a bite out of his neighbor.

Yet these monarchs of the desert bave so kindled man's imagination that there are hundreds of proverbs about them. "If the camel gets his nose in the tent, his body will soon follow," is one.

The camel's forbears, so to speak, originated in North America about 40,000,000 years ago. By a million years ago, they had wandered to this part of the world and later vanished from their country of origin.

Bedouin devotion to the camel reflects a time when desert dwellers could not survive without them. Not only did these beasts of burden carry their owners across the burning seas of sand. Dromedaries gave them all the essentials of life: milk, meat, wool,

hides, and camel dung for fuel.

Camels can flourish on the coarsest of sparse vegetation. When the feeding is good, they accumulate in their humps stores of fat which they can draw upon for sustenance in lean times. Blessed with the ability to manufacture water by the oxidation of the fat in their humps, they can carry a load of 500 pounds 25 miles a day for three days without drinking a drop.

At the Hofuf market only the common baggage camel is sold. Their more highly-plated cousins, the famous racing camels, are sold in Riyadh.

To get to Hofuf from Dhahran, Dammam, or Khobar take the road to Abqaiq and Riyadh. After about 1 ½ hours of driving, a sign indicates a left turn for Hofuf. The scenery improves with rippling sands and sagebrush. Near Hofuf are the great rock formations reminiscent of the Grand Canyon. Pass these, the Saudi Cement Factory is on the left, and a little oasis also on the left. In a few minutes the town of Hofuf will appear. Pass the modern supermarket on the right, the Vocational Training Center, and the Saldan Restaurant. Turn right at the signs for the Five Hospitals Project and the Secondary Vocational School. In a few minutes the walled enclosure of the marketplace is on the right. The sheep and goats are to the right, the camels to the left.

Environment movement is U.N. topic

By Donatus de Silva

NAIROBI (Depthnews) — A campaign for the resurgence of the environment movement has been launched by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). A highlight of the campaign will be a special session to be held here on May 10-12 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the historic Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

UNEP Executive Director Mostafa Tolba said that although the present global economic crisis was responsible for the apparent flagging in spirit for the environment movement, it had not changed the people's basic concern. Immediate economic problems like unemployment, maintaining their lifestyles and economic growth seemed to absorb their attention but most people were aware of the impending problems caused by the earth's dwindling resources.

Dr. Tolba, a 58-year-old Egyptian microbiologist, traced the history of the environmental movement from World War II when people first noticed the slow and pernicious progress of destruction of the global environment. He pointed out that both developed and developing countries were affected by pollution, depletion of resources, deforestation and erosion.

By the 70s the ground-swell of public concern led to the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden in June, 1972. A total of 113 governments were able to transcend the political divisions between them and produce consensus agreements on the fundamental rights and responsibilities of man in relation to the environment through 26 formulated common principles.

Dr. Tolba stressed that UNEP was created by the Stockholm conference to work basically as a catalytic body, funded by voluntary contributions from the government. Their work in the period that followed Stockholm produced a decade of commitment and positive action.



MUSEUM BROUGHT TO LIFE: Conventional museums are places where people go to see static exhibits, but in Zurich, Switzerland, an exhibition presents the history of culture. Here Paul Muggler poses with two skeletons he says live up his lectures about the development of the planet. The museum offers specific activities for school children with lectures available for parents and teachers.

Cigarette radioactivity suspected as a cause of bronchial cancers

By Andrew Veitch

BOSTON (G) — Scientists searching for the causes of lung cancer have found a new suspect: Radioactive cigarettes. It seems the person who smokes 30 cigarettes-a-day exposes certain bits of the lining of his bronchial tubes to 8,000 millirems of radiation a year—the equivalent of 300 chest x-rays.

The source of the radiation is the polonium in the phosphate fertilizer used in growing tobacco.

This is concentrated in the leaves of the plants, survives the drying-out process, and is wafted upon insoluble particles in cigarette smoke into the lungs of the smoker.

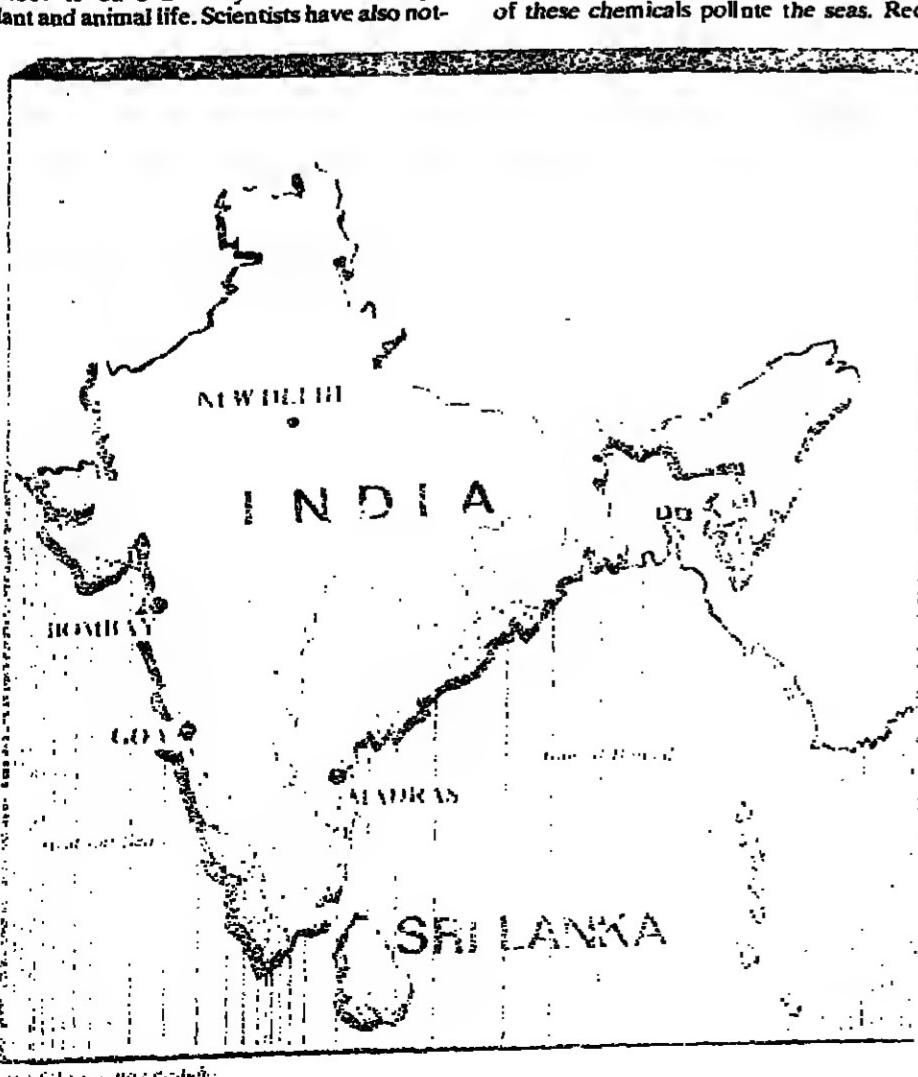
The particles accumulate in particular parts of the bronchial tubes, which also happens to be common sites for lung cancer, and dose the surrounding cells with alpha radiation. It has previously been assumed that the radiation is dispersed throughout the tissues. But alpha particles are bad travelers. Cells close to the source receive high doses. A sin-

gle alpha particle doses one cell nucleus with 1,000 rems of radiation.

"Alpha activity in cigarette smoke may be a very effective carcinogen," report Dr. Thomas Winters and Dr. Joseph DiFranza of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center who describe the process in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

It is now less likely, they say, that chemicals alone are responsible for the high incidence of lung cancer among smokers—only one definite carcinogen, benzopyrene, has been found. And, they add, only 25 percent of the radiation is inhaled by the smoker—the rest is wasted round the room.

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Experts opt for money

By Wirasak Salayakanond

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — Thailand's state universities, banks and hospitals are losing scores of their top experts to the private sector and foreign institutions.

"The top caliber people are fleeing in numbers to the private sector both here and abroad in search of higher wages and better professional and economic opportunities," said Dr. Montri Chenvdyakarn, president of the Lecturers' Council of Thammasat University. "The long-term consequences of this continuing exodus from state institutions could be crippling."

Dr. Montri said that only recently several high-ranking officials of the Bank of Thailand, the National Institute of Development Administration and some universities quit their government posts to take up higher-paying jobs in private banks and other business firms.

Hardest-hit by the "brain drain" are

state-run universities and other educational institutions. At least 1,500 top-caliber lecturers have left their jobs during the last five years.

The main reasons for leaving were low salaries, lack of opportunities for professional advancement and lack of academic freedom.

During the past five years, 270 faculty members of the Mahidol University left their jobs, while Chulalongkorn University lost 260 top educators from its engineering, architecture and medical departments. The King Mongkut Institute of Technology has also lost 192 of its professors during the past five years; Chiang Mai, 157; Khon Kaen, 114, and Songkhla 105.

No firm statistics are available on the number of "disgruntled officials" leaving the government service, but Dr. Montri said the number could easily reach 1,000 a year.

Dr. Prawase Wase, a 1981 Magsaysay awardee, said that between 1,200 and 1,600 Thai

doctors are now working in the United States. Some of these doctors studied abroad, mostly in the U.S. as government scholars. After a short stint in the country upon finishing their foreign studies, they left the government to seek employment abroad.

Many have agreed to pay fines of 10,000 to 300,000 baht (\$4,348 to \$13,044) as payment for government scholarships. Dr. Prawase said that Thai doctors now working in U.S. hospitals represent about 15 to 20 percent of the total number of physicians who graduated from Thai schools.

Those who remain are only waiting for their commitment to the government to expire before leaving. Under Thai laws, student extended government scholarships must serve a certain period in the bureaucracy before they can be allowed to seek employment elsewhere.

But scores of government scholars simply don't wait until their commitment with the government runs out. They buy out their con-

tracts, assured that they will recover their investment in two or three years.

A Thai doctor, who visited the country, said that physicians in the U.S. with two or three years experience would easily earn \$50,000 a year. In Thailand, a physician with similar experience only earns about \$3,600 a year.

Dr. Boonlert Supadilok, dean of the Faculty of Journalism of Thammasat University said "Obviously, money is the most important reason for the exodus to foreign countries." He once thought of resigning his job to look for a better-paying position abroad. "But I still owe the university a large sum in scholarship fund. Besides, I love teaching and I feel that we need more lecturers in journalism."

But patriotic fervor is not a pervasive feeling among the economically hard-pressed Thai intellectuals. Many deplore the intellectual stagnation they are experiencing by sticking it out with the bureaucracy.

Dr. Olarn Chaipravar, for instance, quit his position as chief of the supervision and inspection of finance and security institute division of the Bank of Thailand because he wanted to gain wider experience which he can find only in the private sector.

Dr. Olarn is now working for the Siam Commercial Bank. His salary has tripled from what he was making at the Bank of Thailand.

Dr. Olarn was considered as a "rising star" at the Bank of Thailand, but he had serious disagreements with the policies of Nukul Prachubram, the bank governor, so he quit.

Besides Dr. Olarn, the Bank of Thailand has also lost the services of another capable official, Seri Jintanaseri, the bank's deputy chief of its legal division. Seri also resigned from the bank over dissatisfaction with internal policies; he now holds a high-paying position in the Ital-Thai Company Ltd.

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Nigeria 'foils' coup bid

LAGOS, Feb. 10 (R) — Nigerian newspapers reported Friday that a coup plot had been foiled, and a government statement said a civilian and some soldiers had been charged with inciting soldiers to mutiny.

A statement issued by the executive office of the president said a Nigerian businessman, an army officer and some soldiers had been arrested and charged with "conspiring to commit a felony by the incitement of soldiers to commit a mutinous act."

The statement, issued late Thursday night by M.A.O. Oyelude, press secretary at the executive office of President Alhaji Shehu Shagari, said security agents had arrested the soldiers and a businessman living in Lagos.

Five Nigerian newspapers carried the story on their front pages Friday, and headline writers interpreted it as a foiled coup d'etat. The headline in *The National Concord* read: "Coup Bid Failed," and a signed article said "a plan to topple the federal government has been foiled."

The government-backed *Daily Times* headline said "Coup Plan Uncovered," and its front-page story said an officer and several junior non-commissioned officers had been arrested. *The New Nigerian* said "NSO (Nigerian Security Organization) Foils Coup d'etat Plan."

Oyelude's statement said the businessman, Alhaji Zama Bukar Umoru Mandara, was arrested on Feb. 6, charged in a Lagos court and remanded in custody.

The New Nigerian newspaper quoted "very reliable sources" as saying Alhaji Mandara has had a substantial contract with the previous military government and had become disgruntled with the democratic government because he was not getting as many contracts as he would have liked. "Therefore he began to use his past contact with armed forces to sell the idea of a violent overthrow of the government," the paper said.

Elections were held in Nigeria in 1979 and civilian rule reestablished after more than 13 years of military government. The government statement issued Thursday night denied "rumors circulating in certain quarters that some officers and soldiers arrested for felony have been secretly tried and sentenced."

Khmer leader to visit Peking

BANGKOK, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan is to go to Peking Saturday for talks with former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Western diplomatic sources said here Friday.

Although Sihanouk proposed on Jan. 29 that the leaders of the three Cambodian anti-Vietnamese movements hold a new summit meeting, this is unlikely following an announcement in Paris Thursday by Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) leader Son Sann, a former prime minister, that he would refuse to attend. His movement, along with the Moulinaka organization led by Sihanouk, and the Khmer Rouge — overthrown in the Vietnamese military intervention in January 1979 — held a summit meeting last September in Singapore.

Sihanouk's call for a second summit followed the Khmer Rouge rejection of a "loose coalition" of anti-Vietnamese groups monitored by the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) grouping Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The Khmer Rouge rejected the idea of such a coalition, with the implicit approval of Peking, because each group was to have maintained its own identity.

They were concerned that this would affect the legitimacy of "Democratic Kampuchea," the Khmer Rouge administration recognized by the United Nations as the sole legitimate representative of Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge have repeatedly stated that the two other movements should integrate with "Democratic Kampuchea" and follow its lead.

Sihanouk and especially Son Sann have turned down the idea on the grounds that they do not want to be associated with a regime responsible for massacres during its rule from 1975-1979. This is why they prefer the concept of a "loose coalition." Son Sann said Thursday he would go to Peking at a date still to be fixed, but not to participate in a Cambodian summit meeting.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — A bomb exploded outside the office of the Soviet airline Aeroflot in downtown Washington early Friday, but there was little or no damage and no injuries, police said.

The "Militant Jewish Defense League" telephoned the Associated Press within minutes to claim responsibility for the blast.

It said the group is demanding the release of a teen-age Jewish girl held prisoner in the Soviet Union. The caller from the league hung up before the name could be verified, but her first name was either Maria or Marina.

"If she is not released in one week there will be Soviet blood in Washington," he said. "Never again."

The blast cracked one of the glass doors of the Aeroflot office, which is located about 200 feet from the Soviet Embassy. The embassy was not involved. "We got an explosion, a loud explosion," said a member of the District of Columbia police bomb squad who asked to remain anonymous.

People who were in the area at the time of the blast said they heard two explosions.

"That could have been one explosion with an echo," said the policeman, who would not speculate on the type of device used.

Police, using a dog, searched the premises for other bombs and then joined by a group of men who came from the embassy, inspected the interior of Aeroflot's street-level office. Pamela Holt, 33, of nearby Arlington, Virginia, said she reported the explosion to police.

"We heard two blasts that rocked the house," said the woman, night manager of a club near the Aeroflot office. "We saw smoke coming out of the entrance. It sort of died away. We laughed and said, 'The Russian Embassy is getting bombed.'

The Soviet Embassy is a few doors away, but was not involved in the incident. Miss Holt said the two explosions came "one right after the other" and that there was only a little smoke.

Another witness — a guest at a nearby hotel who declined to give his name — said he was awakened by "two explosions, one right after the other. It sounded like a couple of bombs."

Titles retransferred

Times survives shut threat

LONDON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — *The Times*, journal of the British establishment, survived another close brush with extinction Thursday, though the threat of closure remained.

Australian newspaper tycoon Rupert Murdoch, who has threatened to close the daily and its weekly stalemate, *The Sunday Times*, failed to get the volunteers he sought for sweeping staff cuts to curb heavy losses. But management said it would keep talking to the trade unions at the two papers because "there has been movement in a number of areas."

Trade Secretary John Biffen told Parliament that the ownership of the two newspapers had been returned to the company that publishes them, *Times* Newspapers. The titles were secretly transferred to Murdoch's parent media company, News International, several months ago.

When Biffen learned of the move, his department looked into the transfer and suggested it might violate promises made by Murdoch when he bought the papers a year ago for 12 million sterling (then \$28.8 million).

After talks with the Murdoch organization, Biffen told Parliament the group transferred

the titles back and undertook to consult the independent directors of *Times* Newspapers, a watchdog body with veto power over any future sale of the newspapers which was set up under last year's deal.

Employees feared that the transfer would leave *Times* newspaper with virtually no assets from which they could claim compensation if the company went into liquidation. It could also have blocked any outside attempt to restart publication if Murdoch carried out his threat to close the papers.

Murdoch said last week that *The Times* and *Sunday Times* were losing 12 million sterling (\$22 million) a year and would be closed unless the staff agreed to cut the workforce of 2,600 by 600. By Thursday's deadline, nothing like that number of volunteers had come forward to give up their jobs on special redundancy terms. Union sources put the number of volunteers at about 70.

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Militant's murder rocks Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 19 (AFP) — The kidnapping and murder of an Argentinian Socialist militant has rocked the country's political circles and triggered demands for an inquiry. The body of Ana Maria Martinez, a member of the outlawed, extreme-left Socialist Workers' Party, was found last Friday in a suburb near here. She was identified Wednesday by police.

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democracy." "Who benefits from a sickly Argentina that other nations avoid? Who is benefiting from all that?" the paper asked.

The English-language *Buenos Aires Herald*, known for its stand supporting human rights, said the kidnapping of Mrs. Martinez must be considered as a "political event of the highest importance".

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Deng finds relations with U.S. 'not good'

PEKING, Feb. 19 (AP) — China's top leader Deng Xiaoping declared Friday that "Sino-U.S. relations are not good" and said the United States is mistaken if it thinks China needs it. Chinese sources reported. The 77-year-old Communist Party vice chairman made the comment during an hour's meeting with professor K.S. Wu, vice president of Ebasco Services International, according to the sources, who were present.

It was Deng's second public appearance and his first with an American since Thursday when he ended a five-week vacation and inspection tour. Deng was emphatic that relations are not good, said the sources, who asked not to be named. China's top leader did not elaborate on the problem of U.S. arms sales to Taipei or the current delicate negotiations underway between the United States and China.

Deng, who took part in negotiations to establish diplomatic ties with the United States on Jan. 1, 1979, also emphasized that China can stand alone without the United States, the sources said. He personally disagrees with the analysis by some U.S. officials on the global strategic situation.

China survived for years when it was cut off and blockaded by both the United States and the Soviet Union, he said, and Chinese revolutionaries endured the earlier hardships and can do it again. Even if the Soviet Union invaded China, Deng said, it could not conquer the nation because Peking could be abandoned and Chinese forces could retreat south of the Yellow River.

Deng, who is known for a dry sense of humor, laughed about rumors that circulated during his absence from public view. He said he enjoyed the speculation that his enemies wanted to shoot him and added that he had been hit by a few bullets over the years. Deng has been purged and rehabilitated three times.

Speaking of Chinese politics, Deng confirmed he has withdrawn from the "first line" to "second line" since the sixth central committee plenum last June and plays a less active role in daily decision-making. Chinese sources say he plays a major policy-making role and concerns himself with political strategy.

During the sixth plenum, Deng said, everyone wanted him to become party chairman, but he declined, saying he didn't want the job, the sources said. His political ally Hu Yaobang was made chairman and is carrying out Deng's policies of political, bureaucratic and economic reform.

Deng appeared to be relaxed, energetic and in excellent health, the sources said, but the veteran revolutionary spoke philosophically and said he is mentally well prepared to see Karl Marx, the father of communism. Deng, who also is the driving force behind China's modernization, said his goal by the year 2000 is for every Chinese to have an income of about \$ 800.

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ment troops and Communist insurgents in southern Thailand, military sources said Friday.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Visiting Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal had a luncheon meeting Friday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Prince Hassan and his wife arrived Thursday in New Delhi on a six-day tour of India.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — South Korean Foreign Minister Shingyong Lho held discussions Friday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, officials said. Mrs. Gandhi and Lho discussed steps to increase bilateral economic cooperation between India and South Korea, the officials added.

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MOSCOW, (AP) — Inna Lavrova, who married a Frenchman here last week after a hunger strike to win official permission, has been granted a visa to leave the country, a source said here Friday. After a 36-day hunger strike, Miss Lavrova, a divorcee with two daughters, married Guy Tarrant and will now go to Cameroun where he works as an engineer.

Terrorist's confession helps Italy police probe

Antonio Varisco in Rome with an automatic rifle on July 13, 1979.

The alleged Red Brigades leader now faces no fewer than 17 homicide charges, including the slaying of the five bodyguards of former Christian Democrat Prime Minister Aldo Moro, who was kidnapped in 1978 and later assassinated. Savasta, 26, is said to have told police that he joined the Red Brigades in 1977 after breaking with the official left-wing student leadership.

Early in 1980 he is said to have left the Rome column of the Red Brigades and established himself as the leader of the military "Anna-Maria Ludmila" wing of the movement in the Venice area, where he lived with his girlfriend Emilia Libera who was arrested with him.

Transferred to Rome after his capture, Savasta, police said, told them that in the spring of 1980 there were about 100 full-time Red Brigades terrorists operating in the capital with over 400 sympathizers acting as letter-boxes, stealing cars, providing food supplies and engaged on other support tasks. Police have been shocked by such a disclosure as the figures were much higher than previous police estimates of the terrorist numbers.

Board of inquiry called

Rig sinking remains mystery

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, Feb. 19 (AP) — Why the world's largest floating drilling rig went down in the icy North Atlantic, killing 84 crewmen, remains a mystery of great concern to the oil industry. The ill-fated *Ocean Ranger* was one of the huge, awkward seagoing monsters developed to carry the search for oil into deep water. It was supposed to stand tall in violent seas.

When it met its end Monday, 115 miles (185kms) off the coast of Newfoundland, the gray sea was being whipped into waves 50 feet high by winds of about 80 miles an hour — but the \$120 million semisubmersible rig was designed to bear a lot more than that, said a spokesman for Ocean Drilling Exploration Co. (ODECO) of New Orleans, owner of the rig. No survivors were found to tell what went wrong. Salvage work may give some clues but that will take weeks or months. A board of inquiry has been called by the Coast Guard. What felled the *Ocean Ranger* is a matter of sharp interest in the industry — not least to ODECO, which has 16 other semisubmersibles, plus five drill ships, 12 jackup rigs and six submersible drilling barges.

SEASIDE, California, Feb. 19 (AP) — Semisubmersibles and drill ships were invented to cope with the problems of drilling in sea bottoms under deep water. Unlike jackup rigs, which stand on the bottom on long steel legs, the ships and semis drill while afloat, anchored in one spot by computer-operated thrusters and a maze of anchors.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Suspected extremists ambushed and killed 20 Indian security personnel and injured another five in Manipur Friday. The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported that the incident took place at Sanghphai, about 35 kms from Imphal, Manipur's capital.

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Corruption in Indonesia has long caused public discontent, and an anti-corruption campaign has been actively waged since 1978 by an organization set up to coordinate such efforts. But following the arrest of four members of the organization prosecutor-general Ismail Saleh announced two days ago the re-establishment of the anti corruption unit TPK, inactive since 1967.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29th. DHUL-HIJJAH 1401 (27th. OCTOBER 1981)

SALEM AHMED BIN MAHEQUIZ GENERAL MANAGER

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit and Loss Account with the books and documents relating thereto of the Head Office and Branches of The National Commercial Bank (Partnership Company) visited by us, and with returns submitted by the Managers of the other Branches, and certify to be in accordance therewith.

We have obtained the information and explanations which we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account represent fairly the financial position of The National Commercial Bank at 29th Dhul Hijjah 1401 (27th October 1981) and the profit of the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as shown by the books.

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With interest rates thwarting recovery**Reagan mum on plan paying off**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (R) — For the first time since taking office, President Reagan has expressed reservations about when his program of sweeping law and budget cuts will begin to revive the U.S. economy.

Reagan promised Americans when he assumed the presidency just over a year ago that his economic strategy would quickly usher in an era of sustained growth, lower inflation and falling interest rates.

But he told a White House press conference Thursday that he was not sure exactly when his program would begin to take hold. "I'm not going to be pinned down on a date," he said.

The administration has steadfastly predicted that the U.S. economy would begin to recover from recession in the spring, bringing about a reduction in both inflation and interest rates. But Reagan would only say Thursday that his economic policies would begin to work sometime later this year.

The president explained his change of heart on the economic outlook by saying: "We're simply trying to be ... cautiously optimistic. We would rather err on the side of caution than err on the side of too much optimism." He said that high interest rates presented the greatest single threat to a lasting economic recovery.

U.S. rates, which climbed to 17 percent this week, have provoked cries of anguish from America's allies and trading partners who claim that money which could go to their economies is instead being invested in the United States.

Some critics have suggested that the interest rate problem could be eased if the independent Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, loosened its tight monetary policy.

Gem of a device developed

SCHENECTADY, Feb. 19 (AP) — General Electric researchers announced Thursday they have developed a technique for making an invisible mark inside diamonds that can be used for identification purposes.

The technique could provide diamond owners, jewelers and law-enforcement officials with a fast, convenient and non-destructive method for positively distinguishing one diamond from another, the GE Research and Development Center said.

Dr. Robert C. Devries and Roy E. Tuft invented a way of firing a beam of charged atoms into a diamond to create a pattern of electrical conductivity just beneath its surface.

The mark can later be revealed by rubbing the diamond with a piece of carbon silk to create static electricity and rubbing it with a powder, which clings to the charged part of the diamond in a distinctive pattern.

Devries and Tuft received a patent in 1979 for revealing the natural conductivity "fingerprint" of a diamond. The creation of an artificial "fingerprint" is the outgrowth of that research. General Electric has applied for a patent on the process in the names of the inventors.

Bul Reagin said Thursday that he had confidence in the board's announced policies. He also said that congressmen could set back the economic recovery unless they approved his request for cuts of \$27 billion in social and government programs this year.

Reagan urged Americans to support his economic program, saying that it would work eventually. "We're not out of the woods yet," he said. "There'll be some difficult days ahead."

The president said he fully hoped and expected a drop in interest rates which have worried U.S. allies in Europe because they tend to drain money away from those countries to the United States.

Asked whether Americans would ever see a return to single-digit interest rates, Reagan said: "Yes, I'm positive we will."

The president refused to predict exactly when the current recession would end, but forecast that interest rates would fall and economic recovery would begin sometime this year. In response to questions, he conceded that the administration had been "caught by surprise" by the recession.

The president went out of his way to express confidence in the policies of the independent Federal Reserve Board. There have been persistent reports of differences between the administration and the Federal Reserve Board on how to restore the health of the economy. The president noted that he had held several meetings in the past months with board chairman Paul Volcker, including one last Monday. He said both he and Volcker agreed there should be no return to the economic policies of the past. Reagan said his administration supported the Federal Reserve Board's announced targets for monetary growth in 1982, which he said were "fully consistent" with the administration's policies.

Meanwhile, presidential economic adviser Murray Weidenbaum told the Congressional Joint Economic Committee Thursday the administration still believed the economy would recover at a moderate rate from April to June and then be strong in the last half of the year. Weidenbaum said the government expected real economic growth to reach five percent in the second half of the year as measured by the gross national product (GNP).

Real growth declined at an annual rate of 5.2 percent in the last three months of 1981, but Weidenbaum said he expected this quarter to be the last of minus growth before the upturn began.

This is done when the host government and a foreign investor enter into an agreement on oil exploration and development that is considered fair and reasonable by the world bank.

It also makes a loan for an exploration project under complex legal arrangements among the host country, the bank, the foreign investor and its local subsidiary.

London commodity brokers Gill and Duffs predicted good coffee availability in the 1982-83 crop year despite a much lower Brazilian output.

The brokers estimated the frost-smitten 1982-83 Brazilian crop at 17 million bags, about half a million bags higher than the last Brazilian Coffee Institute estimate. A bag holds 132 pounds or 60 kilos of green coffee beans.

On the other hand, rising stocks in other producer countries will not only make good the Brazilian failure but keep world coffee availability steadily rising since 1977, high enough to satisfy demand, Gill and Duffs said in their February coffee market report.

"The... larger world crops of recent years, together with the application of export restrictions, are leading to an accumulation of stocks in origin countries," the brokers said. "Total availability for the 1982-83 season, therefore, will show an increase."

Meanwhile, the International Coffee Organization meets here next week to thrash out an accord on export quotas and the renewal of the coffee agreement which expires on Sept. 30.

Producers countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Kenya, Nicaragua, Peru, Paraguay and Zaire will be making their third attempt to boost export quotas by 1.1 million bags during the half-year ending next month. The request was blocked last month and in November by Brazil and Colombia, on the grounds that the market was too weak to support such an increase.

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Despite record unemployment**Tight money policy to stay -- Thatcher**

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, battling record unemployment and 12 percent inflation, looked strained and tired when she defended her government's tight money policies in a television interview Thursday night.

Asked by interviewer Llew Gardner about a newspaper report that she is "feeling fatigued" after seven years leading the Conservative Party and nearly three years as premier, Mrs. Thatcher said: "I am not suffering from any fatigue."

When Gardner asked how long she would wish to continue as the country's leader, the 56-year-old premier replied: "Until I get tired, and I don't get tired very easily."

Mrs. Thatcher, who has two grown-up children, was immaculately dressed, wearing a dark costume, black high-heeled shoes and necklace of large, single pearls, as she was questioned on the commercial network's "TV Eye" program.

In a stout defense of her monetarist policies designed to combat inflation, the premier said she won't reflate by dumping taxpayers' money into government spending.

Her government, however, is facing record unemployment of three million, compared to 1.3 million when she came to power in May 1979. Inflation then was 10.1 percent and

U.S. to make lending tough

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan told poor countries Thursday it wants to make easy-term loans harder.

"We want to help the poor countries of the world, the borrowing countries of the world," said Beryl Sprinkel, undersecretary of the treasury. "We do not want to redistribute our wealth to them with zero results."

Sprinkel spoke at a news conference at which a long-awaited administration report on plans for future participation in international lending institutions was released.

The report shows the administration wants

World Bank lends states \$203m

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AFP) — The World Bank and its affiliates announced the granting of loans totalling \$203 million to the Bahamas, Benin, Cameroun, Colombia, Guyana and Peru.

Peru is to get \$93 million for roads, Colombia \$77 million for railways, Cameroun \$17 million for timber production, and Benin \$8 million for oil exploration.

The bank will lend the Bahamas \$5.8 million to boost industry and improve condition in the grants town suburb of Nassau, add \$2 million to Guyana to attract foreign oil prospectors.

peaked a year later at 21.9 percent. Mrs. Thatcher claimed there is no alternative to keeping interest rates high to restrict credit and said: "I am convinced it is the right way to go, and I would hope that I have the courage to see it through. I am convinced that it is the best way for my country."

On demands by some of her own rebellious Tory lawmakers that public spending is stepped up to create jobs, Mrs. Thatcher said: "I would like everyone to have a job. The question is, how do we create them... anyone who asks us to reflate is asking us to be dishonest with money."

Asked, "will we ever return to full employment" the premier said: "I don't know. When we are through this period, the same enterprise that created jobs in the past with new technology, will once again create jobs."

"The first industrial revolution frightened people because it seemed to take their jobs. Computers did the same, but created more jobs. Now the microchip frightens people, but it is the same thing again."

Mrs. Thatcher said she is not afraid of the political challenge from the year-old Social Democratic Party, which is doing well in local and special elections (by-elections) after breaking away from the Labor Party because it was going too left.

to reduce overall U.S. contributions to the International Development Association, the so-called "soft loan" affiliate to the World Bank, and three other institutions from the \$1.54 billion sought from Congress for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 to \$1.14 billion in the 1987 fiscal year.

The IDA, however, typically lends for 50 years at no interest and relies on funds appropriated by 33 World Bank member governments. Sprinkel said the United States wants the World Bank to insist on tougher conditions for IDA loans, such as guarantees that the loan actually will improve the economy of the borrowing country.

The International Monetary Fund was not covered by the report, and Sprinkel said the administration was preparing a study on IMF operations. The IMF already requires tough conditions, such as the elimination of food subsidies and currency devaluations, before it will grant many loans.

The other three institutions discussed in the report are the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the African Development Fund.

The report also urges more encouragement by these inter-governmental banks to make loans in cooperation with private banks and to get poor countries to move of borrowing from private sources entirely — a process it calls "graduation."

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Education Ministry	Supply and installation of dynamos in some schools in various areas for 1401/1402H	79/M	250	23.2.82
Abqaiq Municipality	Fencing of the new and old Ain Dar graveyards	—	500	27.2.82

Singapore shipyards enjoy boom

SINGAPORE, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Singapore's five major oil rig-builders are enjoying a boom, but opinion is divided among the industry's leaders about the future.

The latest issue of *Sasar News*, the official publication of the Singapore Association of Shipbuilders and Repairs, said the major rig-builders were fully booked with orders for this year and the next. Two of the yards were also booked for 1984.

It said that at the end of last year 24 units, comprising 17 jack-ups, five semi-submersibles, one drillship and one tender, were on order or under construction in the five yards — Bethlehem Singapore, Far-East Levington Shipbuilding, Marathon Letourneau Off-Shore, Promet and Robin Ship-

yard. But industry leaders had different views on the outlook for the future. *Sasar News* quoted the managing director of Far-East Levington, Loh Wing Siew, as saying that the oil rig market was very active in 1981, contributing to the heavy workload for the yards in the next 12 months.

Loh noted that the market had slowed down slightly, although he expressed confidence that more orders would be forthcoming in the new year.

But the vice-president of Bethlehem, O.E. Spell, advocated caution because he feared the possibility of overbuilding in the rig market.

China's exports to U.S. rise 80%

PEKING, Feb. 19 (AFP) — The balance of trade between China and the United States remained favorable to Washington in 1981, although the surplus was drastically reduced compared to 1980, it was announced here Friday.

The U.S. embassy released a statement indicating that an 80 percent increase in Chinese exports to the United States was largely responsible for the shift. Total trade between the two countries in 1981 reached \$5.5 billion, up 14 percent over the previous year.

But the U.S. surplus in the balance of trade was only \$1.7 billion — \$1 billion less than in 1980, the statement said.

U.S. grain exports to China in 1981 increased by more than \$200 million to \$1.26 billion.

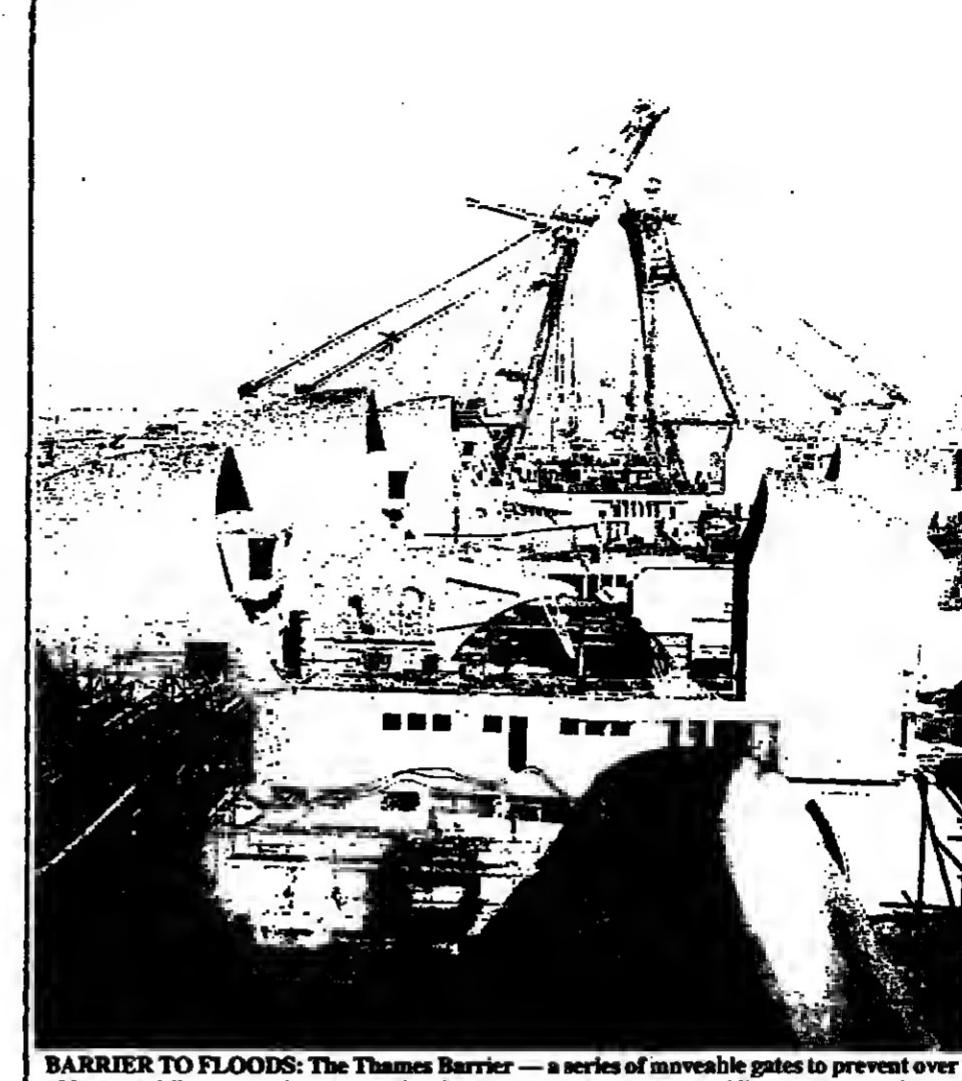
Chinese exports to the United States in 1981 rose by 80 percent to \$1.9 billion while U.S. exports to China in the same year decreased slightly from \$3.8 billion to \$3.6 billion. The United States is China's number-two trade partner, after Japan.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (R) — U.S. entrepreneur John de Lorean called in receivers for his motor company Friday in a final attempt to keep his luxury sports car in production after the British government refused him any more financing. The government, which has ploughed almost \$80 million sterling (\$150 million) into the company, has ruled out any further aid for the troubled Belfast carmaker.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens left Washington after expressing West European concern about high U.S. interest rates to President Ronald Reagan and other American officials. Martens voiced the heightened dismay among the countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) over U.S. economic policies in his talks with Reagan.

COLOMBO, (AFP) — Sri Lanka and the Soviet Union Friday signed a shipping agree-



BARRIER TO FLOODS: The Thames Barrier — a series of movable gates to prevent over 130 square kilometers of London being flooded — is progressing rapidly toward completion as work continues on the buildings to house the machinery. The roof shells of the buildings are made of Iroko and Redwood timber, formed into geometric curves and covered with stainless steel. They will eventually house all the machinery needed to raise the series of moveable gates into the flood defense position in only 15 minutes from the first warning.

Over farm subsidy**EEC rebuts U.S. allegations**

STASBROURG, France, Feb. 19 (AP) — European Common Market Commissioner for Agriculture Poul Dalsager, answering U.S. complaints, said Thursday EEC export subsidies on farm products have been greatly reduced over the past two years.

"For the great majority of products, despite inflation, we have succeeded in reducing the rate of export refunds very significantly" since the beginning of 1979, he told a session of the European Parliament.

Reagan administration officials, including Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, have consistently attacked the EEC system of export

subsidies. They charge it has unfairly helped community exporters sell farm products in traditionally American-dominated export markets.

Dalsager reported the following cuts in export subsidies per ton of product during the period January, 1979, to January, 1981: — wheat, from 91 European currency units (\$118.30) to 60 ECUS (\$78) a ton; barley, 101 to 39 ECUS (\$131.30 to \$50.70); sugar, 318 to 222 ECUS (\$413.40 to \$288.60); poultry meat, 220 to 135 ECUS (\$286 to \$175.50); skimmed milk powder, 804 to 370 ECUS (\$1045.20 to \$481). "The only significant product on which there was a higher refund over this two-year period was beef," Dalsager said.

The commissioner also said that East bloc countries including the Soviet Union, constituted an important outlet for community agricultural products, and that "we need to continue to export to these useful markets."

But he refused to agree with a suggestion contained in a parliament report to set up completely new service within the commission to better manage exports to Warsaw pact countries.

Dalsager repeated the commission's assertion that the EEC did not undermine the partial grain embargo imposed by the United States against the Soviet Union following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979.

He said that EEC agricultural exports to the Soviet Union from January, 1980 to April, 1981 — the period of the European embargo — did not exceed "traditional" levels of exports to that market.

Dollar ends week on a losing note

LONDON, Feb. 19, (R) — The dollar lost ground against other major currencies on foreign exchange markets Friday as dealers trimmed some of its earlier gains.

The West German mark also gained, with dealers in Frankfurt quoting it at 2.3570 after it closed at 2.3670 Thursday.

The pound sterling and Swiss franc also did a bit better against the dollar as dealers reported that the market sentiment was that the U.S. currency might have risen too far because of the belief that U.S. interest rates would remain high.

Gold, which fell in New York Thursday to its lowest level since November, 1979, edged higher to about \$370 an ounce by mid-day, a gain of about 50 cents on the New York price.

Gold sales by the Soviet Union, which has recently been raising large amounts of hard currency were cited by dealers as the main reason behind the weakness in gold prices.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as it begins in Europe, the dollar was traded heavily and plunged to 223.60 yen at the close, down 4.30 yen. In Zurich, gold traded in a medium range of \$369.50.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	367.37
Paris	368.33
Frankfurt	370.82
Zurich	369.50
Hong Kong	372.29

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — Stock prices edged upward Friday morning. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 0.95 to 829.91 in the first half hour. Gainers took a narrow lead over losers in the early tally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

Analysts noted some pickup in hopes for a reversal of the recent rise of interest rates. Rates dropped sharply Thursday in the bond and short-term money markets. But brokers said traders were wary of drawing too many conclusions about the direction of rates before seeing the weekly money-supply report from the Federal Reserve, due out late Friday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 a.m. Thursday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Rhainasi Dinar	9.00	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	282.00	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.75	143.55	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.50	131.00	—
Egyptian Pound	3.49	3.92	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	—
French Franc (100)	56.80	56.55	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.00	55.75	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.00	—
Iranian Rial (100)	6.50	6.50	—
Iraqi Dinar (10,000)	27.20	27.00	27.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	141.50	141.50	—
Jordanian Dinar	9.98	9.88	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.00	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.25	70.00	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	58.50	60.90	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	31.75	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.65	—
Pound Sterling	6.34	6.31	—
Qatari Ryal (100)	94.00	94.10	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	161.45	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.85	—
Swiss Franc (100)	180.50	180.00	—
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.70	—
Yemeni Rial (1,000)	3,429	3,422	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90	—

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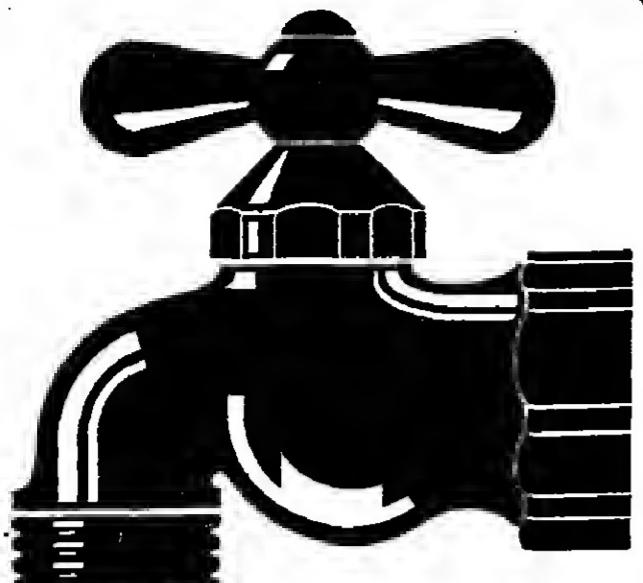
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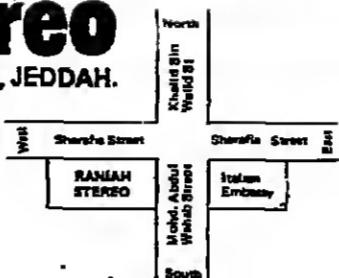
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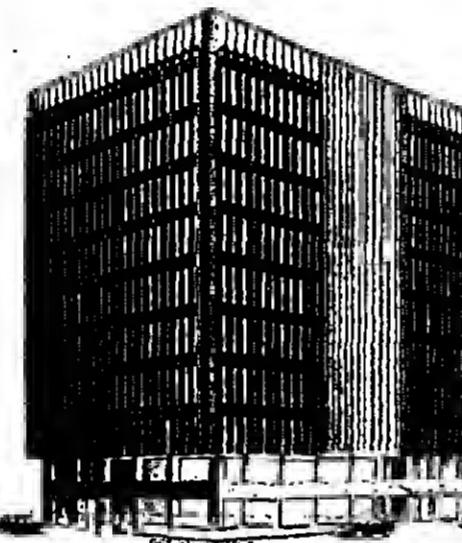
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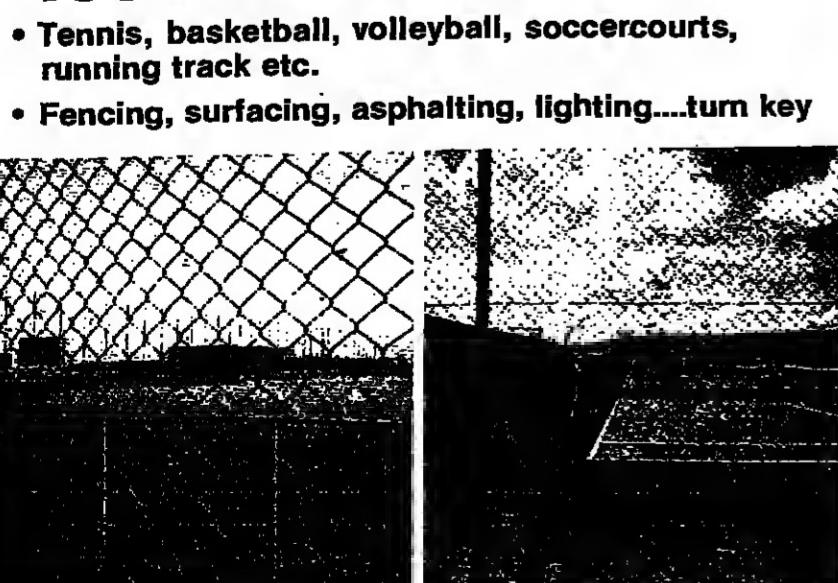
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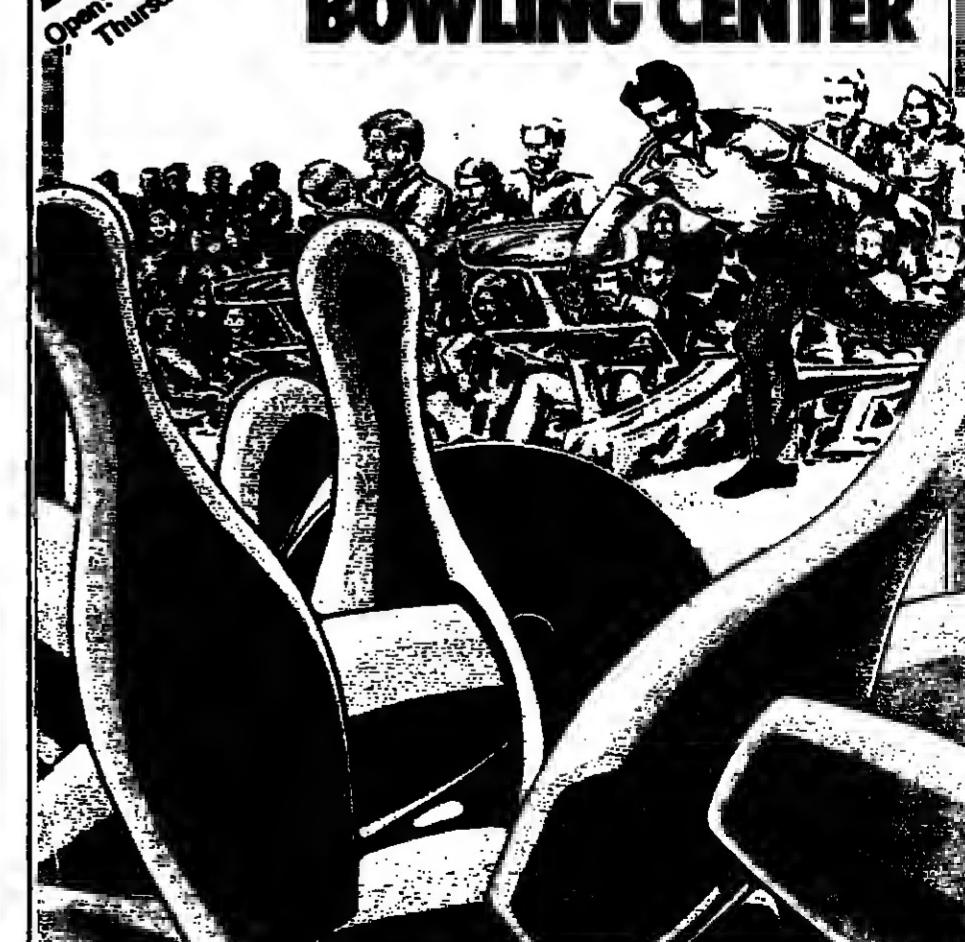
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Lendl stages rally to oust Warwick

LA QUINTA, California, Feb. 19 (AP) — Ivan Lendl fought back from a first-set loss to run his winning streak to 42 matches with a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over unseeded Kim Warwick in Thursday's third round of the \$200,000 Congoleum Classic Men's Tennis Tournament.

Lendl, the 21-year-old Czechoslovakian who has won eight consecutive tournaments, made a number of unforced errors in the first set against Warwick, of Australia. But Lendl, the tournament's top seed, rallied in the second set, then barely held off Warwick in the third.

"I didn't play my best," said Lendl. "And everybody is good enough to give you trouble. He played very well. He is a good player and was in the top 15 for a long time." Lendl added that he wasn't missing shots in the second and third sets, and was able to take advantage of weak shots by Warwick.

In other third-round matches, second-

seeded Eliot Teltscher whipped tenth-seeded Thomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-3. No. 3 Roscoe Tanner downed ninth-seeded Hank Pfister 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Fourth-seeded Yannick Noah of France blasted unseeded Buster Mottram of Great Britain 6-3, 6-0. Seventh-seeded Harold Solomon overwhelmed unseeded Tim Gullickson 6-0, 6-1. Unseeded Victor Amaya topped 12th-seeded Shlomo Glickstein 7-6, 6-4. Unseeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico eliminated unseeded John Lloyd of Great Britain 6-2, 6-3, and unseeded Phil Dent of Australia topped 11th-seeded Mel Purcell 7-6, 6-3.

In Friday's quarterfinals at the La Quinta Hotel Tennis Club, Lendl faces Amaya. Teltscher meets Solomon. Tanner takes on Ramireza and Noah plays Dent. The semifinals are scheduled Saturday and the championship match is slated Sunday. The singles champion will collect \$32,000, and the runner-up will earn \$16,000.

Fromholtz upsets Turnbull

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 19 (AP) — Unseeded Diane Fromholtz, coming off a year-long slump, took advantage of string of errors by second-seeded Wendy Turnbull in a 6-2, 6-3 upset victory Thursday in a second round match of the \$100,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Houston.

Turnbull, the No. 8 ranked women's player in the world, had trouble with her service game starting with the first set when she was broken in the second, sixth and eighth games. "When you don't get your first serve in, you lose some of your aggressiveness," Turnbull said. "I foot-faulted in the first game and it really threw off my concentration."

Fromholtz, trying to improve her No. 35

Smith sparkles for Minnesota

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — Bobby Smith came to Minnesota North Stars' rescue in the National Hockey League action against Calgary Flames.

With just 2:11 left to play, Smith scored a bizarre goal from in back of the net to enable North Stars to tie 2-2 with the Flames. Minnesota had taken a 1-0 lead in the first period but Calgary struck once in the second and third period to forge ahead till Smith's goal restored parity.

The other action of the NHL also ended in



Yannick Noah... stops Mottram

Top drivers in Portugal Rally

LISBON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — The Opel Ascona of West Germany's Monte Carlo Rally winner Walter Rohrl will be car No. 1 in the next Championship Rally of the season, the Portugal Rally from March 3 to 7.

A total of 109 teams have entered the Rally, but a notable absentee will be Markku Alen of Finland, who drove a Fiat 137 last year. However, leading drivers entered include three other "Flying Finns", Hannu Mikkola (Audi Quattro), Timo Salonen (Datsun Violet) and Henry Toivonen (Opel Ascona).

Other well known names registered for Portugal are Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden (Toyota Celica), compatriot Per Ekblund (Toyota Celica), Frenchwoman Michele Mouton (Audi Quattro) and Britain's Tony a Pond (Datsun Violet).

Meanwhile, Brasilia, Brazil former Formula One world auto race champion Emerson Fittipaldi announced the support of Brazilian government-owned coffee and oil companies for his three-car Grand Prix team. Each will put up \$150,000 to help Fittipaldi put his team on the track throughout the 1982 season.

As part of the deal Fittipaldi has promised to open a Formula One drivers school and to reserve at least one place on the team for a Brazilian.

In Los Angeles Open Golf Mauney shoots a course record

LOS ANGELES, California, Feb. 19 (AP)

— Terry Mauney, barely qualified for the last of 144 spots in the Glen Campbell-Loss Angeles Open Tournament, shot a Riviera Country Club competitive course record Thursday in the opening round of the \$300,000 tournament.

Mauney fired an 8-under-par 53-31-63 over a demanding Riviera layout, one stroke better than the old record for the course. To take a 4-stroke lead after the first round. He had to qualify on Monday, and he was among several players who shot 74. Those at 73 qualified to play, with just one slot open at 74.

"I birdied the first hole of the playoff, so I was in," said Mauney, who has earned \$3,810 officially on the tour this season. The round left him four strokes in front of Mike Morley. Wayne Levi and Tom Weiskopf. He started with birdies in three holes with putts of 6.30 and 20 feet (6-9 meters). Then on the 17th, he hit a nine iron 117 yards that rolled back and into the hole for an eagle.

Until Mauney's round, the best 18-hole scores over the tough Riviera course were 64s by Pat Fitzsimons in 1975 and Ed Sneed last year. Defending champion Johnny Miller was

at 68, tied with Morris Hatalsky and Vance Heafner after Thursday's opening round.

Lee Trevino, who shot a 65 in the Pro-Am prelude Wednesday slumped to a 78 and may have trouble qualifying for the final 36 holes of this 72-hole event. Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, who usually play in the La Open, Postlewait, a non-winner in eight years has skipped their chance for the \$54,000 top prize.

Kathy cards day's best

Meanwhile, unheralded Kathy Postlewait fired a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to grab a 1-stroke lead after the first round of the \$150,000 LPGA Bent Tree Golf Classic, in Sarasota, Florida.

Postlewait, a non-winner in eight years on the tour, bested Barbara Moxness, who was second with a 5-under-par 67. Tied for third two strokes back are defending champion Amy Alcott and second-year pro Lynn Strom.

Joanne Carner, the 1981 LPGA player of the year, is alone at 69, while Lenore Murakawa, Gail Hirata, Vick Singleton, Dot Germain and Bonnie Bryant were tied for sixth at

22,500 winner's purse.

Sm sole leader

Taiwan's Shu Seng San took the lead on the second day of the \$150,000 Philippine Open Golf Championship in Manila Friday. Shu, 20, now holds a two-day total of 142, two strokes ahead of American Curt Byron and Hsieh Min Nan also from Taiwan. The first day leader, Filipino Gil Ababa, has slipped to fourth place with 145.

Gumbs batters McEwan to defend crown

LIVERPOOL, England, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Toronto-based boxer Roy Gumbs Thursday successfully defended his British middleweight title here stopping Birmingham's Glen McEwan in 1 min 28 secs of the 13th round of a scheduled 15 rounds bout.

The referee stepped in to end the contest with the 23-year-old Panamanian-born McEwan slumped through the ropes after being battered by a furious assault by Gumbs.

The champion, formerly of Tottenham, London, may have won the fight, but he made few fans. Three rounds before he burst into lethal action, it looked more likely that the Birmingham-based McEwan would be able to pull off a shock result. The fight was a non-event for the first eight rounds with Gumbs content to poke and prod, while McEwan constantly slipped away from the champions' heavier punches.

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To go past Bullets

Supersonics revel at home

NEW YORK. Feb. 19 (AP) — The Seattle Supersonics, holders of the best home court record in the National Basketball Association (21-4), found safe haven Thursday night at home, where they halted a four-game losing streak with a 105-87 victory over the Washington Bullets. They have now won 10 straight at home.

In the only other NBA game, Billy Knight scored 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Indiana Pacers over the San Diego Clippers 119-114.

Before Seattle lost four straight on the road, the Sonics had been the hottest team in the league and had taken over first place in the Pacific Division. Thursday night's win moved them back into a tie with the Los Angeles Lakers.

It also was the Sonics' debut for guard Phil Smith, acquired last Friday in a trade with San Diego. Smith got 25 minutes of action during the decisive Seattle win, scoring 10

points and coming up with five steals. "I try to read situations," said Smith, a seven-year NBA veteran. "I take the open shot and I try to move the ball around and play defense, too. I try to mix it up, do a little of everything."

Sonic coach Lenny Wilkens, pleased with Smith's play, said: "Phil brings the dimension of a veteran. He's experienced, he's also a very smart player and can score. I was happy we could play him a lot. He's going to be a welcome addition to our ball club."

Smith entered the game late in the first quarter as Seattle was surging to a 32-22 lead behind the scoring of guard Gus Williams. On the way to leading all scorers with 26 points, Williams tallied 18 in the first quarter.

Bullets coach Gene Shue, whose team is 3-2 on its current road trip and is in fifth place in the Atlantic Division, felt Williams' quick getaway and strong Sonics play around the basket were vital to the outcome. "One of our

keys was trying to control Gus," said Shue. "But he got off to such a good start that it really hurt us. I thought they had a fine ball game. They took our inside game away and forced us to take the outside shot, which really threw us off."

The Sonics outrebounded Washington, 51-43, led by Lonnie Shelton's 15 rebounds. Sikma added 10 rebounds while scoring 18 points. Forward Greg Ballard led the Bullets with 17 points, while reserve Charles Davis added 12.

Pacers 119, Clippers 114: The Pacers blew a 19-point second-quarter lead and fell behind by five in the third quarter before bouncing back. Leading 111-109 with 1:11 left, the Pacers ran off eight consecutive points to wrap it up. Herb Williams and Louis Orr added 17 points apiece for Indiana, while the game's leading scorer was San Diego rookie Al Wood with a career-high 26. Jerome Whitehead has 21 points and 14 rebounds for San Diego.

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River Plate seeks suspension for a period of 45 days

BUENOS AIRES. Argentina, Feb. 19 (AP) — The River Plate soccer club decided Friday to request a 45-day suspension for 11 of its players, including six members of Argentina's world champion national team which this week began practicing to defend its title at the 1982 World Cup Tournament in Spain.

In order to take effect the suspension — requested by the River Plate board of directors in a meeting that began Thursday night and ended Friday morning — must be ratified by the Argentine Soccer Association (AFA).

"The board of directors agrees to request that the AFA order the sports disqualification for a period of 45 days beginning Feb. 10, 1982," said a River Plate communiqué. River Plate president Rafael Aragon Cabrera

said he believed "that the AFA will ratify the sanction," adding that "The AFA is not going to act against the wishes of River Plate."

It was not immediately known when the AFA executive committee would consider the River Plate order. AFA president Julio Grandon said earlier in the week, however, that the organization was ready to "collaborate with" River Plate. There was no immediate reaction from the players.

The River Plate action affected players who refused to participate in a friendly game against the Uruguayan team Penarol on Feb. 10 in the seaside resort city of Mar Del Plata, 250 miles (402 km) south of Buenos Aires. The players had demanded \$1,000 each to play, but River Plate offered only \$800.

Players affected by the suspension request

include team captain Daniel Passarella, 1978 World Cup hero Mario Kempes, goalie Ubaldo Fillol, Americo Gallego, Ramon Eliaz and Julio Olarticochea, all members of the River Plate starting lineup who had been chosen to play on the national team.

The national team, led by coach Cesar Menotti — himself under fire for recent statements criticizing Argentina's military government — began practice Monday in Mar Del Plata. Aragon Cabrera said that the sanction requested by River Plate contemplated the return of the six national team players to Buenos Aires where they would be required to practice with their club.

SOCCER experts said, however, that the AFA could request that River Plate allow the six players to continue practice with the national team.

Soviets yet to iron out problems before going to Spain

MOSCOW. Feb. 19 (Agencies) — Inexperience, injuries and lack of will power could hamper the Soviet Union at the World Cup Soccer Championships in Spain, the U.S.S.R. Soccer Federation chief said in an interview published Thursday.

"I'd like to stress that the team is still very young. It was formed on the basis of our unsuccessful Olympic national team only two years ago. There isn't a single player who has ever participated in the World Cup finals," Vyacheslav Koloskov told the Soviet Trade Union newspaper *Trud*.

The Soviets are highly regarded in the 24-national field after winning all their qualification matches against some of Europe's top teams. The country had failed to qualify for the last two World Cup tournaments.

"Talking about the high predictions about the team made by the world and European press, we realize that there still exist a number of problems, particularly concerning the health of such players as Kipiani and Bal-

cha," Koloskov said.

Sergei Baltacha, 22, a defender from Dynamo Kiev, is suffering from a groin injury, and David Kipiani, 30, a star forward from Dynamo Tbilisi, is still recovering from a broken hip suffered in a match last September in Spain with Real Madrid.

"Concerning the will power of some of the candidates," Koloskov said, "it is dangerous to underestimate the competition as well as to overestimate their qualities. But it is important that the team is united now and understands its goal."

The Soviets have already started intensive preparation for the June 13-July 11 tournament. They are grouped with Brazil, Scotland and New Zealand in the first round.

Head coach Konstantin Beskov has twice taken the prospective team to Spain for training sessions and warmup matches. "To our great sorrow, they were unable to play in Malaga or Seville, where they start the World

Cup," Koloskov said.

"Naturally it is necessary to carefully study the competitors in the group and lead the team to its peak form at the right moment," the official said. He said high temperatures and humidity are another potential problem for the Soviet team. "It is necessary, so to speak, to have 'heat resistant' soccer players."

Candidates for the team will train together for six days each month this spring to prepare for 12 to 15 warmup matches. "The first is scheduled March 10 in Greece. The biggest interest, it seems, are two games in Argentina — including one with the world champions on April 14 or 17," Koloskov said. "In early May, the national team will play East Germany in Moscow."

The Soviets have submitted names of 40 candidates for the team and will make the final 22 selections shortly before the tournament starts, he said.

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Gus Williams... leads the attack

Norwegian Aunli claims first gold

HOLMENKOLLEN. Feb. 19 (AFP) — Berit Aunli won the women's 10 kilometer cross country event here Friday to claim the first gold medal of the World Nordic Skiing Championships here for Norway.

Aunli, 25, won in a time of 29 minutes 25.9 beating Finland's Hilkka Riihivuori into second place by more than 20 seconds at 29:46.5 and World Cup leader Kveta Jeranova of Czechoslovakia into third place 50 seconds back at 30:15.8.

The Norwegian, who was second in the women's World Cup last year behind the Soviet Union's Raisa Smetanina, dominated the event from start to finish and Norwegians took four of the first ten places with Brit Pettersen, fourth, Anette Boe, fifth and Inger Helene Nybraten, ninth. It was a disappointing opening event for the Soviet Union whose highest placed finisher was Lubov Liadova in seventh place.

In the men's section, Hubert Schwarz of West Germany won the ski jumping event as competitors jumped from the 70 meters Midtskrubben platform. Hubert logged 221.7 points ahead of East German Gunther Schmieder and Russian Alexander Maiorov. The second and final section of the combine, a 15km cross country, will be held Saturday.

Berit Aunli said afterward, "I was in good form. The snow was excellent and I was literally carried along by the support from the crowd. I knew after four kilometers that I was slightly ahead but it wasn't until the seventh kilometer that my coach shouted to me that it was certain to win." Aunli said she now hoped to go for more medals in the five and twenty kilometers events.

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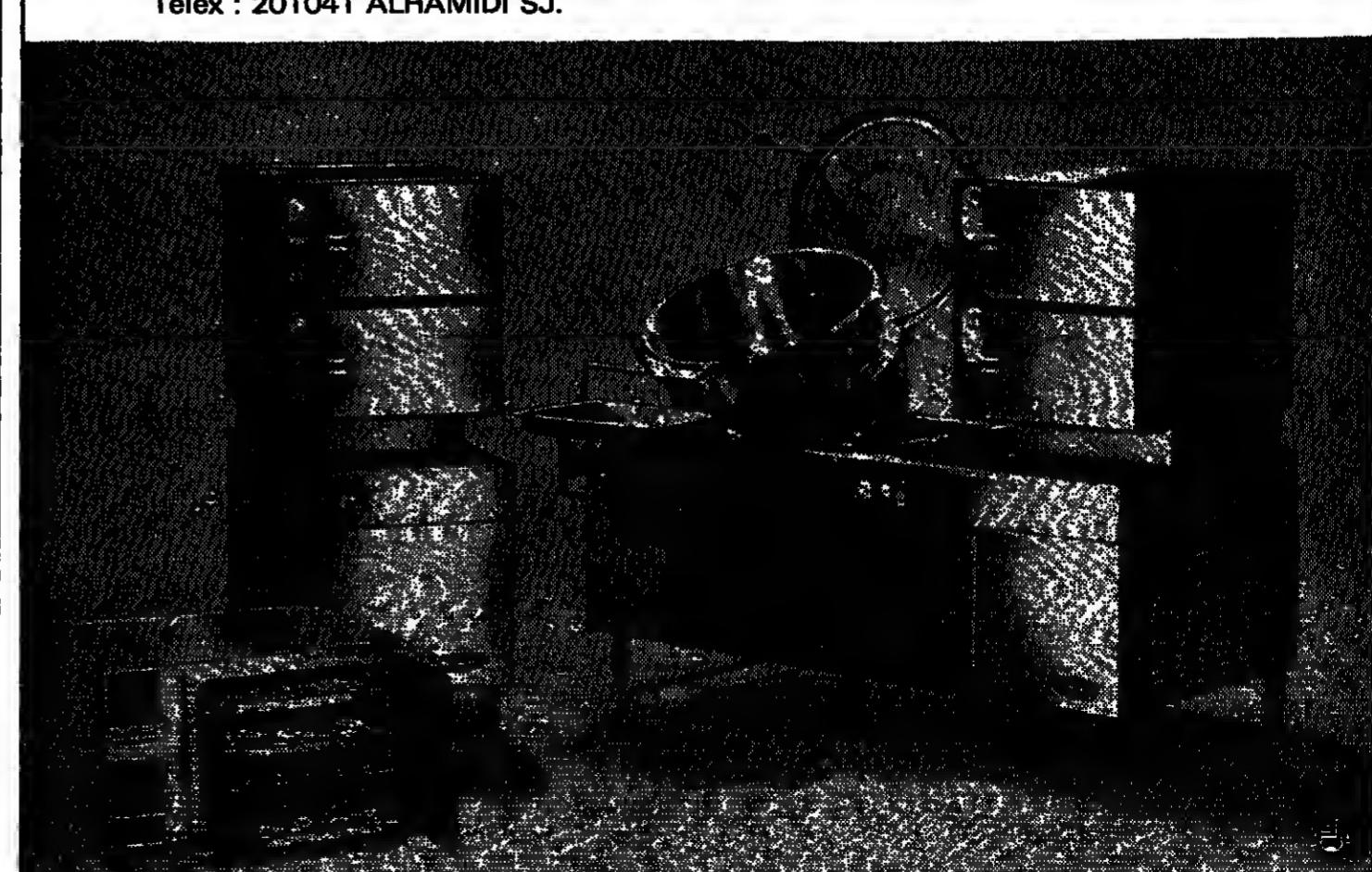
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As Nakajima steals the thunder

Shearer takes firm grip

MELBOURNE. Australia, Feb. 19 (AP) — Japan's Tommy Nakajima stole the limelight at Huntingdale Friday in an action-packed second round of the Australian Masters Golf Tournament.

But Victorian Bob Shearer tightened his grip on the winner's check. Hours after Shearer shot his second successive 70 to go to a six under the card total of 140 and a three stroke lead which he kept for the rest of the day, Nakajima electrified the gallery with his sensational round.

The 27-year-old crashed his way through the 18 holes in a course record equaling 66. Nakajima — called Tommy by local golf authorities who find it hard to come to grips with his name of Tsuneyuki — shot an amazing nine birdies in the first 15 holes en route to breaking the record set by Sydneysider Rodger Davis two years ago.

Nakajima, who started the day at five over, rapidly whittled down the effects of Thursday's 78, despite bogeys at the ninth and 17th. At the ninth he hooked his second shot into the trees, while at the 17th his tee shot went into the rough on the right of the fairway.

Through an interpreter, Nakajima, who lives close to Tokyo gave a unique explanation for his remarkable round. "Last night at the golfers' dinner I got Arnold Palmer's autograph. It made my whole day and lifted me," he said.

Shearer did not put a foot wrong Friday and was the only player in the top bracket who did not have a lapse at some stage. His three-under overnight card remained that way until he holed the seventh — and he

repeated the effort at the 10th. By the time he reached the 13th, West Australian Lyndsay Stephen and Japan's Akira Yabe were up with him on five under, but Stephen dropped out of the race at the next while Yabe held on until the 15th.

He had a number of two putts, some from up to 30 and 40 feet (48-64-m), and was one of a number of players who said the greens were a lot better than Thursday, although still a little bumpy. Stephen had a frustrating up and down round which saw him slump from his overnight three under to one under before being recovered to finish with a two round total of 143. Yabe stayed on his overnight two under until the 10th when he gained some ground before dropping back on the 17th.

Late in the day another West Australian, Graham Marsh, also returned a three-under card after gaining a stroke during his round. He shares the same mark with Noel Ratcliffe (NSW), American Mike Colandri and Queensland Mike Ferguson. Ferguson started the day square and actually lost ground at the third before recovering to stay in contention.

Queenslander Glen Vines, who was well placed at two under, went to four under at two different stages of his round Friday but bogeyed the last three holes to finish just one under the card on 144.

Veteran American Arnold Palmer shot the same total to improve three strokes on his opening day effort but is nine shots behind Shearer. Tony Jacklin's 75 has him on the same mark as Langer. Queenslander Greg Norman, who is capable of cutting loose over the last two days and making up lost ground, had another par 73 Friday and on 146 is still in the running.

BRIEFS

MADRID. Feb. 19 (AFP) — Madrid's hotel workers are threatening a general strike during the World Football Cup here in June in pursuit of a pay rise. Their goal is an all round 11 percent pay rise, a reduction in working hours to a 40 hour week and two consecutive days off a week. The employers organization is offering an 11 percent increase in luxury hotels and between nine and ten percent in the remainder. The hotel workers plan to hold warning strikes on three days in March, April and May.

LONDON. (AFP) — Ron Saunders agreed in principle to become manager of Birmingham City — ten days after ending a seveo and a half year-reign at neighboring Aston Villa. Saunders met Birmingham chairman, Keith Coombs, and vice-chairman Jack Wiseman at St. Andrews and said afterwards that Birmingham had offered him a three year contract on the same basis as the one he had with Aston Villa.

HYDERABAD. (AP) — India edged Pakistan 1-0 Friday in the second Junior Field Hockey international in this southern Indian city of Nagpur oext Sunday.

PERTH. (AP) — A fighting century by Craig Bradley foiled Pakistan's hopes of forcing Australia to follow-on in the third Under-19 Cricket Test at the WACA ground Friday. Bradley scored 119 and helped Australia to reach 364 in reply to the Pakistan's first innings total of 419. At stumps, on the third day, Pakistan was 88 for two in its second innings, giving them an overall lead of 143 runs.

PARIS. (AP) — Michel Vion, surprise gold medalist in the combine event at the recent World Alpine Skiing Championships in Schladming, Austria, will not take part in the American section of the World Cup series.

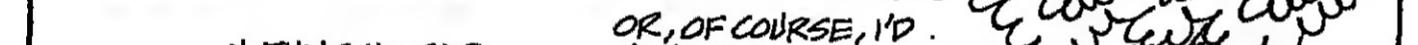
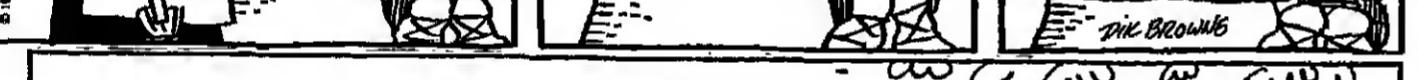
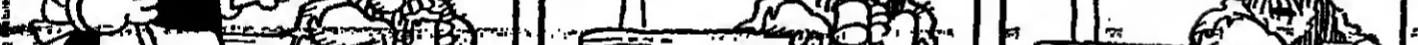
The Frenchman has decided to concentrate on the various European Cup races scheduled for the end of February and the beginning of March.



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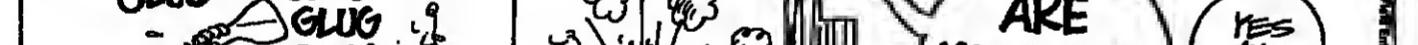
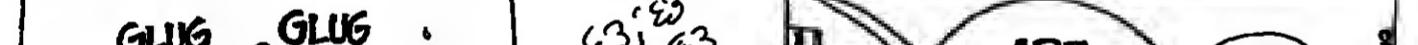
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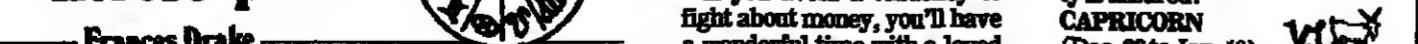
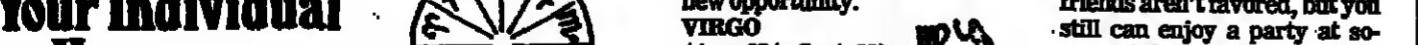
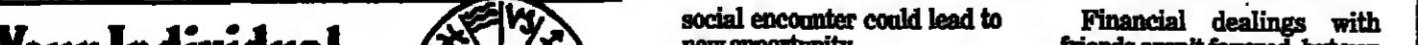
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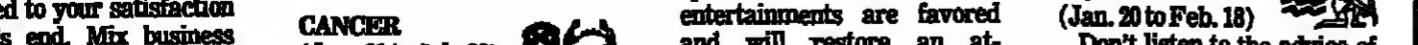
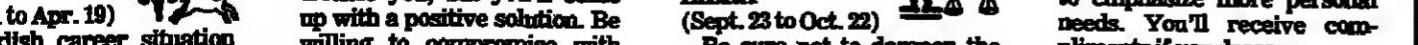
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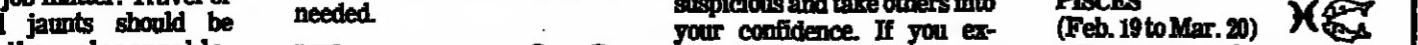
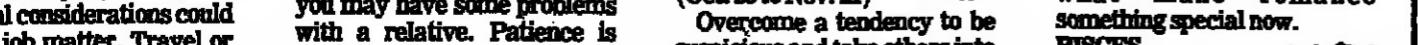
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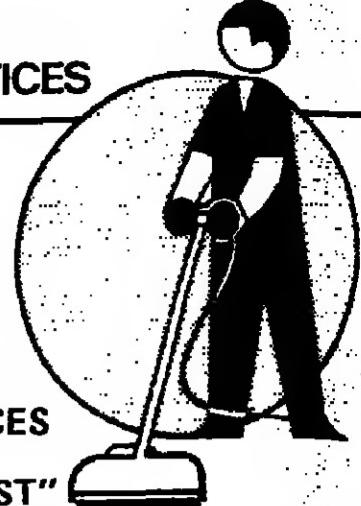


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Jail for generals demanded

Spanish plotters' trial begins

MADRID, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — The armed forces' highest tribunal put 32 military officers and one civilian on trial Friday for trying to overthrow Spain's young democracy with the prosecution asking prison terms of 30 years for two generals and a civil guard officer who led the storming of Parliament last year.

Prosecutor Jose Maria Clavero Torrent, a navy officer, also confirmed a request for sentences ranging from 18 months to 20 years for the other defendants.

A battery of defense lawyers denied the charges of military rebellion and asked acquittal as the court martial opened under heavy military security in a redecorated army warehouse on Madrid's outskirts. Special anti-terrorist troops stood guard outside the building.

Lt. Gen. Luis Alvarez called the court martial to order with the defendants seated on red velvet chairs and facing the tribunal of 15 generals and two admirals. The accused officers were protected from the rest of the courtroom by a screen of bullet-proof glass.

Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, who led the parliament seizure Feb. 23, was smiling and talking with fellow defendants before the court martial began.

Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, the highest ranking officer on trial, was seated beside former Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada. Both looked straight ahead as the prosecution demanded the maximum term of 30 years imprisonment for each.

A much decorated infantry officer, Milans del Bosch was accused of supporting the coup attempt by ordering tanks from his eastern Valencia military command into the street.

Armada has been accused of plotting the coup to attempt overthrow the government and install himself as new premier. National police reported no incidents as the trial started.

Officials from the civilian-run Defense Department described the trial as the most important in military history in this century. It is considered a watershed for the centrist government of Premier Leopoldo Calvo Solórzano because of continuing military and right-wing unrest since the coup attempt.

The trial by the Supreme Council of Military Justice, composed of 15 generals and two vice admirals, was expected to run for 30-35 days.

Wall graffiti supporting Lt. Col. Tejero sprang up in the Spanish capital on the eve of the trial.

But the army anti-terrorist troops armed with submachine guns and civil guard experts ringed the army mapping center on Madrid's outskirts where the court martial began.

Defense Department officials said the presentation of the 11,000-word charge by the prosecution could take several days before the first witness, including 19 generals, are called to testify. Twenty-three lawyers and nine generals acting as co-defenders were seated at the left of the tribunal.

Raid plan known to U.S., Rene says

STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 19 (AP) — President France-Albert Rene of the Seychelles said Friday he was "quite convinced" that the U.S. and British intelligence services had prior knowledge of the attempted coup against his government last November.

He told a press conference at the European Parliament that investigations under way would reveal the full extent of their involvement.

Rene said that in the near future "we will have a very clear picture of the part played by these organizations" in the attempted coup launched by mercenaries from South Africa Nov. 25.

He predicted that the United States would become "more and more aggressive" in the struggle with the Soviet Union for influence in the strategic Indian Ocean. He said the Seychelles, a Marxist state under Rene, would be subjected to "increasing attempts at destabilization."

"We are going to resist these attempts," he said. "Europe must help us to withstand the pressure" to force the Seychelles into "one superpower camp or the other," Rene said.

The Seychelles is a nonaligned country, Rene said, and "we will defend the right to remain so with courage and vigor."

Indo-Pakistan talks to resume on March 1

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (AFP) — India and Pakistan will take up specific elements of a no-war pact for consideration at the official level talks beginning in Islamabad on March 1.

Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao said Friday in Parliament that the two countries "are now in a position to undertake specific consideration of the elements which could constitute the substance of a no-war pact or an agreement on non-aggression and non-use of force."

In a statement on the former Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi's visit here last month for a first round of talks on the projected pact, Rao said Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe was expected to go to Pakistan in the first week of March to resume the talks.

International

Sharp crackdown threatened

Poland warns of clashes

WARSAW, Feb. 19 (AP) — A Polish government spokesman warned Friday some extremists were openly promoting "serious political" conflict and even hinting at "armed clashes" this spring with Poland's martial law authorities.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said in an interview printed here Friday: "The slogan — the winter is yours but the spring will be ours — has a sinister air to it."

"Today, the remnants of activists of that political orientation openly and without embarrassment proclaim their desire to instigate serious political clashes in the country," he said in the interview in the morning daily *Zycie Warszawy*.

"The prospect hinted at is also that of armed clashes about going into the woods as soon as it gets warmer," Urban said.

The warning is the most serious response yet to the popular slogan by the government since martial law was declared here last Dec. 13 and the Solidarity union was suspended.

The slogan cited by Urban has become a sort of underground motto that is heard here from time to time and is sometimes even daubed on walls or billboards.

Urban warned in the interview that any resistance or political or "armed clashes" would prompt a sharp government crackdown. But he also said that dealing with such a resistance movement was "more or less the basic dilemma of Polish internal policy."

"On Dec. 13, 1981, the bottle with the imp inside was corked up," Urban said. "Uncorking the bottle would allow the imp to escape. Keeping him inside threatens that he will burst the bottle."

"If the slogan 'the spring will be ours' is implemented in any form whatsoever, the cork is bound to be pressed deeper and harder," Urban said.

Urban blamed the United States for attempting to use any sort of uprising here as a

"pretext to embark on a showdown in a world trial of strength."

But he also said that "sensible and moderate" forces rallying around Solidarity or connected with the church would "allow joint construction of relations in Poland on new principles."

"But if unrest and internal struggle should descend upon Poland, the political line will be determined accordingly," he said. "The logic of conflict would win the upper hand absorbing the entire strength of the nation."

Meanwhile, state television reported a police officer shot Thursday on a crowded streetcar here was still in critical condition with a gunshot wound of the abdomen and kidneys.

The officer was shot about 1230 Thursday afternoon, and two men were seen running from the tram after it was stopped. Another man was wounded slightly in the shooting incident.

Ireland starts vote counting

DUBLIN, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Counting began Friday morning after an apparently close-run Irish general election Thursday in which abstention was higher than expected. First estimates from the 41 constituencies, where the outgoing government coalition of Fine Gael and the small Labor Party faced the big Fianna Fail Party, put participation at 73 percent, three percent lower than in the four previous elections.

The low turnout was blamed on bad weather in the first election held in winter for a decade, and outdated electoral rolls which had not been changed since last year and did not take account of recent deaths and removals. The election was for 165 out of 166 seats in the Dail (parliament), the 166th being for the speaker.

The campaign, largely a personal duel between the Fine Gael and Fianna Fail leaders, Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald and Charles Haughey, centered on how to remedy Ireland's major economic problems. Vote counting which started Friday will continue Saturday.

Along with Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Socialist Party, political arm of guerrillas of the Marxist Irish National Liberation Army, has put up six candidates. Together they represent the strongest electoral challenge by hardline nationalists against the republic's major parties in more than two decades.

Any Sinn Fein candidates elected will not take their seats in parliament, continuing an abstentionist policy observed by the movement since partition.

Sinn Fein campaigners conceded that they have had a tougher time than they did in late June's election. "We didn't have the same emotional impact in the campaign this time," said Sinn Fein activist Patricia Hamill.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

He sat there silently, just looking at me. Minutes on end. Finally, he said, "I want to ask you something. Promise to answer truthfully?" I said it all depends. "I'll ask anyway," he said, "Do you think I'm mad?"

"A shade, perhaps," I ventured, "a suggestion... Not mad so much as, well, touched." That didn't satisfy him. "Am I stupid, then? Please don't mind words..." "I wouldn't go that far," I said; "mind you, I never thought of you as a shining beacon of intelligence, not really, exactly..."

"That satisfied him even less. "I'm asking because I think my wife is trying to kill me. I'm trying to establish that my mind is normal before telling you the details. Instead, all I get from you is sarcasm..."

"It's all in your mind," I said, and immediately regretted it. For he positively blew up.

"She's been giving me signs. Clear as day. Redder and redder nails and redder and redder lipstick. She's been giving me those peculiar looks — that is, she's giving me those looks when she isn't nagging me beyond endurance. She wants me to have a heart attack. Or maybe strike at her first so that she can do it in self-defense..."

"Nonsense!" I said. "The explanation is simple. First, all wives nag. That's a law of nature. Second, in your case, all your kids have left home, and you're retired, so you're all she has to nag. Even the maid has been dismissed. As to the lipstick and nail polish, well, perhaps she wants to remind you of the days gone by, when both of you were young..."

"So it's a sign of affection, all this nagging and the war-paint? She's killing me with affection, then, is she?" — Thanks for setting my mind at rest. I can die happy now, knowing that it was all well meant..."

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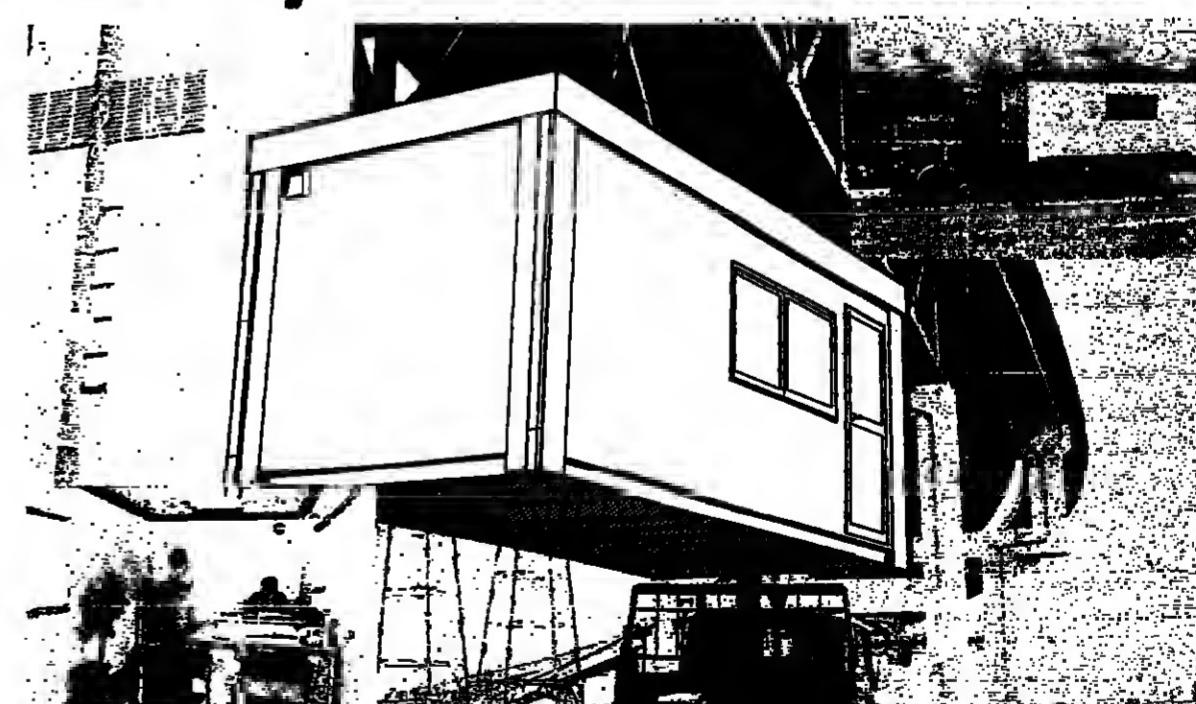
Germany denies cabinet reshuffle

BONN, Feb. 19 (R) — The West German Government acted swiftly Friday to quell speculation that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is planning a major cabinet reshuffle. A report by the West German news agency DPA, which said Schmidt was thinking of replacing at least four cabinet ministers, was dismissed by chief government spokesman Kurt Becker as "pure invention".

The agency, quoting informed sources, said the reshuffle was possible in early summer.

DPA said the plan foresaw Defense Minister Hans Apel taking over as SPD parliamentary floor leader from veteran politician Herbert Wehner, who is 75. Apel's replacement as minister would be Hans-Juergen Wischniewski, a deputy SPD chairman.

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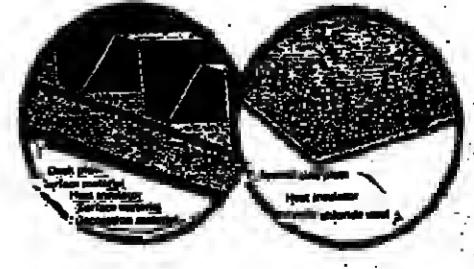
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Los Angeles	13	55	15	59	clear
Madrid	0	32	13	55	cloudy

مكتبة من الأصل